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School Committee Agenda Item Summary

Date: October 6, 2021

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Subject: Establish Middle School After School Enrichment Program

Background

In FY 2016 the district established an after school enrichment program at the elementary school. It has been operating successfully for the past 5 years. There has been an interest in establishing a program at the middle school. It would be established under MA general law Chapter 71, Section 47. It would be a self-funded program.

Discussion/Analysis

At this time there is interest in an art class and a mock trial class. As we market the program and get it established we should garner more interest in additional classes. The elementary school has been charging \$50 per class. There would be a stipend for the teacher in the amount of \$362 per class and for a Coordinator, if needed, in the amount of \$2,922. These amounts may be increased for FY 2022 pending DTA negotiations. The program would not run unless there was sufficient interest and funding from fees to pay for the teachers, coordinator (if needed), and the supplies or other expenditures needed for the classes.

Financial Impact

There should be no financial impact to the general fund budget.

Recommendation

If the School Committee is in agreement, the following motion is recommended for approval:

MOVE to approve the establishment of a Middle School After School Enrichment Program pursuant to MA general law Chapter 71, section 47. The program will not run if there is not sufficient interest and funding to be self funded to pay for stipends, supplies, and other related expenditures. The fee per class will be \$50.00 per student/per class/per session. The teacher stipend amount per class will be \$362 and the coordinator stipend amount, if needed, will be \$2,922, pending DTA approval. The stipend amounts will be updated for FY 2022, if applicable, pending DTA negotiations.

Attachments

None

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