

3.5 International Education Tours

1) In June 2016 the following was shared with the Board and received strong support.

Informational Item: Karling Aguilera Fort and Jan Corea are exploring the possibility of CABE sponsoring an annual international trip (fee based) open to members, Board Members and Staff to understand and observe different school systems world wide and their approach to the teaching and promotion of multiple languages and multiculturalism. CABE has a vision of preparing our students for success in a global society as explicitly described in the CABE Strategic Plan:

CABE Essentials

- P. 27, 21st Century Learning, 5. Social, Civic, and Environmental Responsibility;
- P. 28, 7. Strength of Body, Mind, and Character: Living in a global village requires that every member develop the strength of body, mind, and character to contribute in positive ways to a healthy community;),

CABE Strategic Plan Focus Area

- CABE Compass 3.3.7 Create a partnership between CABE and international organizations that establishes avenues for interchanges and collaborations between programs along with revenue growth and development for the organization.

More concrete information requiring action will be presented in the September 2016 Board Meeting.

June 3, 2017

PROPOSAL FOR CUBE BILINGUAL EDUCATOR TRIP TO CUBA

El camino del autor---The Way of the Author

California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE)

OUTCOMES

- Provide the opportunity for cross-cultural and multicultural growth and gain a closer understanding of the social, political and cultural context of Cuba—its history and its current day state.
- Increase bilingual educators' knowledge of Spanish literature (prose and poetry) and become familiar with legendary Cuban authors and poets from different literary eras and genres.
- Celebrate the writing and works of Alma Flor Ada as well as 4-5 other Cuban poets and authors and participate in the celebrations for the 80th birthday of Alma Flor Ada in her hometown of Camaguey. (Note: Cuba was selected in a special recognition and partnership with Alma Flor Ada, originally from Camaguey, Cuba to honor her work and legacy in children and adult literature as well as to expose CABE Attendees to the educational program, writings, art, music and people of Cuba.)
- Provide educators in bilingual/biliteracy programs with the opportunity to develop and increase academic language skills and strategies in Spanish and other languages as applicable).
- Explore the integration of Cuban literature and poetry into Spanish language arts programs as aligned to the CCSS.

PROPOSAL

- Offer a 8-10 day trip in December 2017 (to coincide with Winter holidays) for up to 20 bilingual educators to visit Cuba.
- Create an itinerary that includes Camaguey, Cuba, Alma Flor Ada's home town and living museum dedicated to her writings and work as well as 4-5 additional Cuban authors and poets
- The first education delegation led by CABE would take place Dec 25 (or 26), 2017-Jan 4 ,2018 to Cuba.
- The trip theme would be "El camino del autor" and would follow the paths of 4-5 Cuban authors with education and cultural contributions.
- We would celebrate the 80th birthday of Alma Flor and visit her home town and the library and museum created in her honor.
- The trip would cover Havana, Trinidad, Viñales, Camaguey and other towns in between
- The trip would be open to CABE members and partners
- The trip would be fee based—cost still to be determined
- CABE would organize content with Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy
- The trip would fall under the Program and Events team and the CEO at CABE with support from a travel agency in the US and in Cuba

- A pre-trip would take place in July for planning and arrangements—attending would be Karling, Annie, Jan and Delma
- Promotional materials would be sent out in August
- CABE would offer (via raffle) to one board member and one staff member the opportunity to participate with costs covered.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify travel group that can coordinate all travel plans and details for November/December trip
- Identify 1 Board Members and 1 staff members to travel with group in November/December (by lottery?_)
- Flyer (graphics)
- Organizer for CABE
- Cost
- Travel requirements
- International Insurance
- Alignment to educational/instructional goals
- Identify potential partnerships (one on one or group to group) with other educators in Cuba?)
- Identify how to chronicle and record the trip—videographers, social media, etc.
- Plan directly with Alma Flor and Isabel