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AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Board Meeting Date: March 13, 2026
2. Item Title: II.A.1 Out of State Travel Request – Costa Rica
3. Name of Presenter: B. Gibson, ES Principal
4. This item is for: XX Action ___ Consent Agenda ___ Discussion ___ Report/Information
5. Proposed Motion (Action Items Only): I move that we approve the Out-Of-State Travel Request for 19 students and 4 staff members to travel to Costa Rica on March 13-21, 2026, as presented.
6. Executive Summary: Please see attached.

Day 1 Hola San José (groups flying from the west coast may be required to depart day 0)

Meet your tour director and check into hotel

Day 2 San José--Arenal

Coffee Plantation visit

Travel to Arenal

Details: Coffee Plantation visit

World-renowned Costa Rican coffee has grown to be an emblem of local culture. Join a local tour to learn how the country's elevation, eco-system and volcanic history have all contributed to its unique taste.

Details: Travel to Arenal

Arenal is famous for its volcano, an unavoidable presence while traveling within this part of the country. Its tall, imposing, perfectly symmetrical shape makes it instantly recognizable.

Day 3 Arenal

1968 Volcano View and Lava Trails

Lake Arenal kayaking tour

Hot springs visit

Details: Lake Arenal kayaking tour

Glide along the still waters reflecting the perfect cone of Arenal Volcano and the surrounding rolling hills. Lake Arenal, the country's largest, is also among its most scenic, and the area has become popular area to kayak, windsurf, sail, fish, and hike. For safety reasons, weight restrictions apply to this activity.

Details: Hot springs visit

Let the volcanoes take you away. At Arenal's hot springs, bubbling lava fields heat the waters to make nature's own jacuzzi.

Day 4 Arenal--Coastal Puntarenas

Optional Horseback ride \$44

Travel to Coastal Puntarenas

Crocodile Safari

Free time at the beach

Details: Crocodile Safari

Enjoy getting your adrenaline pumping again on your tour through a crocodile safari. There are two native species of crocodiles in Costa Rica: the American crocodile and the Spectacled Caiman. American crocodiles can grow up to 20 feet in length and weigh over 1,000 pounds. Caimans are much smaller, around 8 feet in length, and weigh less than 100 pounds.

Day 5 Coastal Puntarenas

Volunteer at a wildlife rescue center

Optional Yoga class by the beach \$35

Details: Volunteer at a wildlife rescue center

Volunteer at Santuario de Lapas, a sanctuary for local wildlife. Groups will participate in a variety of activities to assist staff with animal care before they are released into their natural habitat.

Day 6 Coastal Puntarenas

Manuel Antonio National Park visit

Details: Manuel Antonio National Park visit

Combining white sandy beaches with lush tropical forest, Manuel Antonio is the perfect place to see a variety of Costa Rican wildlife, from white-faced monkeys and sleepy-faced sloths, to green turtles and orange-and-black-shelled land crabs.

Departing
Arriving
Operated By
AMERICAN AIRLINES 1548
DALLAS (DFW) on Mar 21, 2026 10:30PM
EL PASO (ELP) on Mar 21, 2026 11:22PM
AMERICAN AIRLINES

Accommodations Information

i Mar 13 - Mar 14
Holiday Inn San Jose La Sabana
Plaza Irazú, Autop. Gral. Cañas Km 3, Robledal, San José Province
San Jose, 0000
Costa Rica
Phone Number: 506 2106 5100

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i Mar 14 - Mar 16
Termales del bosque 2024
9J66+X2V
Quesada, 0000
Costa Rica
Phone Number: 506 2460 4749

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i Mar 16 - Mar 19
Hotel Arenas Punta Leona
Garabito, Punta Leona, Costa Rica
Punta Leona, 000000
Costa Rica
Phone Number: 506 2289 4181

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i Mar 19 - Mar 21
Holiday Inn San Jose La Sabana
Plaza Irazú, Autop. Gral. Cañas Km 3, Robledal, San José Province
San Jose, 0000
Costa Rica
Phone Number: 506 2106 5100

Tour Director

- Arrive at school on MARCH 13th at 7:30
- leave for El Paso at 8:00am
- Grab lunch in El Paso around 11:00
- leave for the Airport by 11:45

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We will be visiting Costa Rica with Explorica from March 13th through March 21st, 2026. This is an International school trip for teachers/Adults and students from our school.

Teachers/Adults

Karrie Wren
Madison Romero
Travis Romero
Lydia Bolo
Jannie Jennings
Sharese Nunez
Isela Sedillo
Edward Sedillo
Breanna Ward
Jodie McInnes
Sarah Bailey
Caitlin Whitley

Students

Flynt Bennett
Tyler Hobbs
Angelina Holguin
Christian Marquez-Padilla
Willa Nelson
David Newell
Aiden Nunez
Ava Romero
Sebastian Ross
Cielo Sedillo
Faith Thomas
Gracie Thomas
Lane Truitt
Wiley Truitt
Kimber Bailey
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