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Minidoka County School Board
310 10th Street
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Re: New Club at Minico

Dear Minidoka County School Board Members;

First off let me thank you for supporting student travel. By allowing students to be school excused for travel to Costa Rica last year, you made it possible for students that would otherwise be unable to attend to have an educational and eye-opening trip. I am extremely proud of the students that were on that trip and the great work that they did. They represented Minico, Idaho, and the United States extremely well.

I am writing to you today because, like you, I want to see more students in our schools become global citizens and enjoy opportunities to see the world. I've seen first hand the powerful impact travel can have on students' success. I am proposing the creation of a Travel Club at Minico High School. This club has been approved by Mr. Aston and Mr. Shippen. The Travel Club objective will be to increase students' access and opportunity to travel. Traveling to new locations and experiencing new cultures offers a rich educational experience. We also want to explore the wonders of the state of Idaho. Our focus would be short in-state trips to historic sites, natural monuments, and educational experiences. Activities like snow shoeing in the City of Rocks, hiking Box Canyon, or visiting Craters of the Moon will be available to students that may have never ventured out from our small community. This club would have something for everyone. Students will see and explore our great state and beyond.

In addition to traveling in state, we will embark on one international tour per year. In 2020, for example, we will be touring the magical country of Scotland. Students will cruise on Loch Ness, visit countless castles, learn to play bagpipes, and experience the rich historical beauty of Scotland. We are extremely excited about this trip. Students will have the freedom choose which tours they want to participate in and what activities we do as a club. Even if they cannot take part in the international tour, they can still travel around our great state.

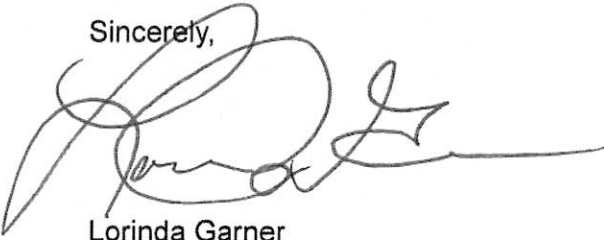
Of course with travel comes expenses. We would like to institute dues of \$15 to get the club going. This money will be used for buses, entrance fees, and equipment rentals, etc. We will

also use this money to purchase fundraising supplies. The students involved with the international tours will pay for the bulk of the cost, with the exception of gratuities. Students will participate in fundraising activities to earn the money to pay for tipping our tour guides and bus driver. Our ideas for fundraising include working the Agora Store, selling approved treats during a specified period of time, and a 5K fun run or Highland Games type activity. The money spent by this club would come solely from fundraising and dues. Students will pay for any additional expenses for their travel.


Travel is an invaluable, educational experience and the Travel Club will open possibilities to students who are otherwise unable to take advantage of this great opportunity. Our state is rich in geological wonders, historical locations, and ecological experiences. Our students deserve the opportunity to explore it. The Travel Club will make this experience easier and give more students the opportunity to investigate their world.

Thank you for your time, service and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Hopeful Future Travel Club Advisor



Josh Aston, Principal
Minico High School

Date: 4/25/2019



Ty Shippen, Activity Director
Minico High School

Date: 4/25/2019