

The Show Me Costa Rica Project

SLPS Board Meeting

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Mission: Provide an international learning experience for students in under-resourced communities

Vision: Use science and entrepreneurship as tools to produce global leaders who increase their confidence and self-awareness through international traveling



Reasons for Show Me Costa Rica

- Access to international travelling does **not** exist for our students
- Costa Rica is a biological gem
- Strengthen science knowledge
- Entrepreneurial skills
- Build confidence and community



Structure of Project

- 1-2 teachers per school
- Weekly meetings and monthly workshops
- Coffee and merchandise business
- Fundraisers
- Partnerships
 - Families
 - Community volunteers
 - Tower Grove Farmer's Market
 - Washington University YSP
 - Sylvester Chisom, entrepreneur
 - Hardly Home, Passports
 - St. Louis Public Schools Foundation
 - Vashon Alum



Show Me Costa Rica Data

- 2.93 GPA to 3.65 GPA
- 5 different schools
- 83 Alums
- Fundraised over \$150,000 in 6 years
- 97% Gained better insight into self
- 97% Have a greater understanding of different cultures
- 60% Have been accepted into a competitive leadership/science program



Questions?

