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Southern Berkshire Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1547 - AMENDED

Date: **Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

Time: **6:00 p.m. – Executive Session**
6:30 p.m. – Open Meeting

Location: **Sheffield Town Hall, 21 Depot Square, Sheffield, MA 01257**

AGENDA

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

[*The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*]

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introduction of New School Committee Member from Sheffield**
3. **Executive Session:**
   Move to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the SBREA, Unit A, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Committee's bargaining position, as declared by the Chair, and the Committee will return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote required.
4. **Standing Reports**
   a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1546
   b. Enrollment
   c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
5. **Student Representative Report**
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Student Spotlight**
8. **New Business**
   a. Preliminary approval of an international trip to Ecuador: Galapagos Islands during April Vacation 2020 – D. Melino
   b. Approval of Overnight Field Trip: National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana – Oct. 23-27, 2018
   c. Long Term Student Exchange Program Proposal – S. Graham
   d. Vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement for a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Committee and the SBREA, Unit A, for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021.
   e. Introduction of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development
9. **Unfinished Business**
   a. Update on South Egremont School
10. **Business with District Member Towns**
    a. Letter from the Town of Monterey regarding the Monterey School Building
    b. Letter from New Marlborough regarding roads
11. **Subcommittee Reports**
    a. Building, Grounds & Technology – A. Batacchi

b. Policy – D. Sears
First Reading:
Policy AC Nondiscrimination
Policy GBA Equal Employment Opportunity
Policy GCF Professional Staff Hiring
Policy JB Equal Educational Opportunities
Policy JFBB School Choice
Policy on Remote Participation

c. Regional Assessment Review Committee – A. Batacchi

d. Executive Evaluation – D. Travis

e. Negotiations

12. **Chairman's Report**
13. **Superintendent's Report**
14. **Director of Student Services Report**
15. **Business Manager's Report**
    a. Vote to approve Warrants: June 1, 2018
    b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
    c. Budget Transfers
16. **Future Agenda Items**
17. **Executive Session:**
    Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy with regard to nonunion personnel contracts and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote Required.
18. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings
June 26, 2018 (Town of Alford)

Upcoming Events:

June 9	*1-5 p.m.*	*TEDx Youth - TACPAC*
June 14	*6-8 p.m.*	*NMC Talent Show for Hurricane Relief-NM Meeting House*
June 19	*6 p.m.*	*NMC Gr 4 Recognition Night*
June 19	*6-7:30 p.m.*	*Spring Sports Recognition Night – Mt. Everett Cafeteria*
June 20	*6 p.m.*	*Gr 6 Graduation*
June 21	*6 p.m.*	*Gr 8 Graduation*

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Amended Agenda posted on: Friday, June 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A School Committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 23C governs public participation at open meetings of municipal government bodies.

> ***Chapter 39: Section 23C, Regulation of participation by public in open meetings***
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> *Section 23C. No person shall address a public meeting of a governmental body without permission of the presiding officer at such meeting, and all persons shall, at the request of such presiding officer, be silent. If, after warning from the presiding officer, a person persists in disorderly behavior, said officer may order him to withdraw from the meeting, and, if he does not withdraw, may order a constable or any other person to remove him and confine him in some convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.*

The School Committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda for a particular meeting. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. Such request should contain background statements which would explain the scope and intent of the agenda item. The Chair of the Committee works with the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.

2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.

3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.

4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the School Committee shall be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The School Committee desires citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of our local public schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the District's business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee. The Chairperson shall determine the length of the public participation segment.

2. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material. The presiding Chairperson may permit extension of this time limit.

3. Topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for that evening.

4. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chairperson may terminate that individual's privilege of address.

5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chairperson of the meeting.

6. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of the school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session the Committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any member of the school community. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff members.

7. Written comments longer than three (3) minutes may be presented to the Committee before or after the meeting for the Committee members' review and consideration at an appropriate time.

4a.

Southern Berkshire Regional
School District
Mt. Everett Library, Sheffield, MA
May 23, 2018
Meeting #1546

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, David Travis, Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, Ken Knox, Marcella Bush

Absent:

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Kerry Burke

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc, Jeff Blaugrund, Ricky McLaughlin, Sara Beckwith, Nolan Dupont, Devan Gali, Stephanie Graham

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1546 to order at 6:05 p.m. Ms. Silvers asked for a moment of silence for the shootings in Santa Fe.
   Ms. Silvers requested a motion to amend the agenda under Subcommittee reports to allow for a report from the Regional Assessment Review Subcommittee. *Mr. Stewart moved to amend the agenda as requested. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

2. **Standing Reports**
   a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1545
      Mr. Stewart moved to approve school committee meeting minutes #1545 of May 10, 2018. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the following corrections: Marci Bush and Simons Rock. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
   b. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None

3. **Student Representative Report**
   Marya Makuc and Sarah Beckwith reported on upcoming activities.

4. **Public Comment**
   Mr. Jeff Blaugrund, resident of Alford, introduced himself to the school committee. He informed the committee that he and his wife have enrolled their daughter in EK at the South Egremont School, and very excited about the opening of the school.
   Mr. Blaugrund and his wife endorse the opening of the South Egremont School. Right now, they are zoned for Undermountain Elementary as their school of residence and this would mean their 4-year-old daughter would be on a bus for an hour. South Egremont is the more convenient choice.
   They feel the school is a benefit to Egremont and the school district. Mr. Blaugrund also mentioned some concerns, i.e. that the South Egremont school had not been advertised enough and that marketing has not been proactive or clear on the opening of the South Egremont School.

5. **Student Spotlight - *representatives of Mt. Everett's Class of 2018 tell their story***
   Marya Makuc, Sara Beckwith, Nolan Dupont, Devan Gali and Ricky McLaughlin, Class of 2018, talked about their time and experiences at Southern Berkshire and their plans after graduation.

6. **New Business**

a. Vote to Approve the World Education Alliance Annual Symposium at the Keswick Public School in Madurai, India (September 19 – 29, 2018) – S. Graham

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the World Education Alliance Annual Symposium at the Keswick School in Madurai, India (September 19-29, 2018). Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Graham gave an overview of the World Education Alliance. This year they have been invited by the Keswick Public School and the theme will be dance.

b. Vote to waiver Out of District PK Tuition

Mr. Stewart moved to waive the out of district PK Tuition for the student entering New Marlborough in the fall. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Approval of School Choice Openings for 2018-19 School Year (per C 76, s 12B)

Superintendent Regulbuto explained the school choice report presented to the committee (report attached).

Mr. Stewart moved to accept the School Choice Openings for the 2018-19 school year as listed. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Lartigue asked if Mr. Stewart would amend his vote to accept choice openings for 2018-2019 by school. Mr. Stewart accepted Ms. Lartigue's suggestion. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Roll call vote by school:

Undermountain Elementary: All Yes - Unanimously approved.

South Egremont: Mr. Stewart – abstain; Ms. Lartigue – No; All others – Yes

New Marlborough: All Yes – Unanimously approved.

Mt. Everett Middle and High School: All Yes – Unanimously approved.

d. Approval to Accept an Exchange Student Sponsored by Rotary – Gr 12-Mt. Everett

Mr. Stewart moved to accept an Exchange Student sponsored by Rotary (biography and information attached). Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Unfinished Business -** None

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

a. Request from towns regarding change of meeting dates for the Regional Assessment Review Committee

Ms. Silvers reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Negotiation – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that negotiations are ongoing and progress is being made. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20th.

b. Building, Grounds & Technology – A. Batacchi

Mr. Batacchi informed the committee that the group had meet earlier today. Tennis court repairs were discussed and requests will be sent out again for repair. Capital Budget was also discussed. The subcommittee voted to purchase two marshmallow buses. The buses will cost

approximately $58,000/$60,000 each. They will be financed over three years with a lease purchase agreement.

Mr. Travis moved that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District purchase two marshmallow buses. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Policy – D. Sears
Mr. Sears stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 4:15 p.m.

d. Regional Agreement Review Committee: Mr. Batacchi reported that the group had met and organized. Mr. Batacchi is Chair. The group will meet next Tuesday with the town representatives to officially start this process.

10. **Chairman's Report**
- Ms. Silvers informed the committee that tomorrow the Softball game between Mt. Everett and Monument Mountain is in honor of our veterans.
- Ms. Silvers encouraged voter registration.
- The Select board is hoping to hold a meeting to interview the person who wants to be on the school committee.

11. **Superintendent's Report**
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that the Superintendent's Regional Roundtable meeting was held last night and that the meetings have been very productive.
Superintendent Regulbuto also reported that safety discussions are ongoing across the district.
She is working with Chief Munson on creating a district wide safety team with community partners.
This group will look at what will be done to improve safety in the district.

12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** (Attached)
Superintendent Regulbuto stated that this was Kerry Burke's last report as she is retiring.
Ms. Burke reported that they plan to offer in 2018-2019 the Botvin Life Skills program for grades 3-7.
The Title I summer program will again be offered this summer for at-risk students at Undermountain Elementary.

13. **Director of Student Services Report –** Report attached.

14. **Business Manager's Report**
a. Vote to approve Warrants: May 18, 2018
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrant of May 18, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
c. Budget Transfers

15. **Future Agenda Items**
a. Review of overseas travel policy – Policy Subcommittee
b. June Meeting dates. Discussion followed regarding the meeting dates in June. It was decided that the meeting in June would be scheduled as follows:
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Sheffield Town Hall
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Alford Town Hall.

16. **Executive Session**
Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote Required.
This item was tabled to the June meeting.

17. **Adjourn**
Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda 1546*
- *Minutes #1545*
- *Field Trip Requests*
- *Exchange Student Information*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Warrant: May 18, 2018*

ENROLLMENT 2017-2018

As of		8/1/2017	9/1/2017		10/2/2017		11/1/2017		12/1/2017		1/2/2018		2/1/2018		3/1/2018		4/1/2018		######		######	
Undermountain																						
Pre-K		12	10	-2	10		11	+1	12	+1	12		12		12		13	+1	14	+1	16	+2
Early K		13	12	-1	12		13	+1	13		13		13		13		13		13		13	
Kindergarten		33	34	1	34		33	-1	33		33		33		33		33		33		33	
Grade 1		34	33	-1	33		32	-1	32		32		32		32		32		31	-1	31	
Grade 2		38	40	2	40		40		40		40		40		40		40		40		40	
Grade 3		33	31	-2	31		31		31		31		31		32	+1	32		32		32	
Grade 4		29	29	0	29		30	+1	30		31	+1	31		30	-1	31	+1	31		31	
Grade 5		59	57	-2	56	-1	56		58	+2	56	-2	57	+1	57		57		57		57	
Grade 6		45	45	0	45		45		45		45		45		44	-1	44		44		44	
Total UME		**296**	**291**	-5	**290**	-1	**291**	+1	**294**	+3	**293**	-1	**294**	+1	**293**	-1	**295**	+2	**295**		**297**	
New Marlborough																						
Pre K		4	6	2	6		6		6		6		6		7	+1	7		7		7	
Early K		8	8	0	8		7	-1	7		7		7		7		7		7		7	
Kindergarten		8	8	0	8		8		8		8		8		8		8		8		8	
Grade 1		20	20	0	20		20		20		20		20		20		20		20		20	
Grade 2		10	11	1	11		10	-1	10		10		10		10		11	+1	11		11	
Grade 3		18	18	0	18		18		18		18		18		18		18		18		18	
Grade 4		16	17	1	16	-1	16		17	+1	17		17		17		17		17		17	
Total NMC		**84**	**88**	4	**87**	-1	**85**	-2	**86**	+1	**86**		**86**		**87**	+1	**88**	+1	**88**		**88**	
Total Elementary		**380**	**379**	-1	**377**	-2	**376**	-1	**380**	+4	**379**	-1	**380**	+1	**380**		**383**	+3	**383**		**385**	+2
Mt Everett																						
Grade 7		62	60	-2	62	2	62		62		62		63	+1	63		63		63		63	
Grade 8		48	47	-1	46	-1	47	+1	47		46	-1	47	+1	47		47		47		47	
Grade 9		53	50	-3	51	1	52	+1	52		52		53	+1	51	-2	51		51		51	
Grade 10		56	53	-3	55	2	55		56	+1	56		57	+1	57		57		57		57	
Grade 11		46	46	0	45	-1	45		45		45		45		45		45		45		45	
Grade 12		43	45	2	45		46	+1	46		46		45	-1	43	-2	43		44	+1	44	
Total MSHS		**308**	**301**	-7	**304**	3	**307**	+3	**308**	+1	**307**	-1	**310**	+3	**306**	**-4**	**306**		**307**	**+1**	**307**	
Total all Schools		**688**	**680**	-8	**681**	**1**	**683**	**+2**	**688**	**+5**	**686**	**-2**	**690**	**+4**	**686**	-4	**689**	+3	**690**		**692**	+2

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Southern Berkshire Regional School District

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

Teacher in Charge: Danielle Melino Principal: Glenn Devoti

Trip Location: Ecuador - Galapagos Islands Grade Level of Students: 9-12

Departure Date: April 2020 - vacation Departure Time: TBD

Return Date: April 2020 Return Time: TBD

Purpose of Trip:

- x Approach to a unit of work
- x Enrichment experience related to curriculum framework
- ____ Culminating activity to a unit
- ____ Research for unit
- ____ Enhancement of student learning in fine arts, world language
- ____ Athletic event

Objectives of Trip: See attached

(Provide specific description of objectives and details.)

How will student learning be assessed? Tours, discussion, follow up activities, Evolution unit in Biology, extension projects. Cross curricular projects in Spanish class.

Description of Itinerary: See attached

Overnight accommodations:

Facility: TBD by Explorica - Tour company Phone # 1.888.310.7120

Address: _____

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SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Transportation: Plane, Boat, Bus

Meal Plan: The majority of meals are included in trip.

Funding Source Students. (grants, fund-raisers)

Overnight trips are asked to provide 1 chaperone for every 6 students.

Names & phone #'s of chaperones:	CORI
Danielle Melino	x

(Attach additional sheet of paper, if necessary)

Emergency Contact (SBRSD Administrator): Glenn Devoti

(Parents' names and phone numbers are to be provided to the emergency contact to be used in case of an emergency.)

Number of students attending: TBD

Names of student participants (listing to be attached to this slip)

Principal's Approval: [signature] Date: 6/7/18

Superintendent's approval: [signature] Date: 6/8/18

Nurse's Approval: Jeanne Moran RN, BSN Date: 6-4-18

School Committee approval date: _____

Comments: _____

MOUNT EVERETT
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP

Date of Field Trip April 2020 Destination Ecuador: Galapagos Islands

Address/Phone # _____

Sponsor of Field Trip Danielle Melino

Department/Class/Group grades 9-12

Method of transportation Plane, bus, boat Cost of trip $3,872

Time of departure TBD Time of return TBD

Upon arrival students may be picked up at Mt. Everett

Overnight field trips require a phone tree. If trip is to arrive much before or after estimated time, WSBS will be contacted to announce the new arrival time and phone tree will be activated

Student's name: _____ has my permission to participate in the Galapagos Island Adventure International Trip field trip on April vac 2020.
I am aware of the details listed above.

_____ _____
Date Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Return this slip to Danielle Melino By _____

Does your son/daughter have an allergy/medical condition that we should be aware of? Please explain _____

Will your child need medication with him/her for this condition? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please contact Mrs. Moran, RN, at 229-8734 ext 111. A written medication order must be obtained from physician along with written permission from a parent for ANY MEDICATION to be given.

Overnight field trips: A copy of student's insurance card must be accompany this permission slip.

FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

_____ Principal approval (6 weeks in advance)

_____ Superintendent approval (6 weeks in advance)

_____ School Committee approval (4 weeks in advance)

_____ Parents' permission slips (including date, time, place, transportation, dress info)

_____ Approved date from master calendar coordinator

_____ Submit bus request to Buisiness Office for all but charter buses (charter buses can be arranged by the teacher)

_____ Order bag lunches in advance (3 weeks notice)

_____ Collect permission slips

_____ Create participant list for attendance purposes

_____ Copy list and leave permission slips in main office

_____ Secure chaperones (1 chaperone to 6 students)

_____ Provide chaperones

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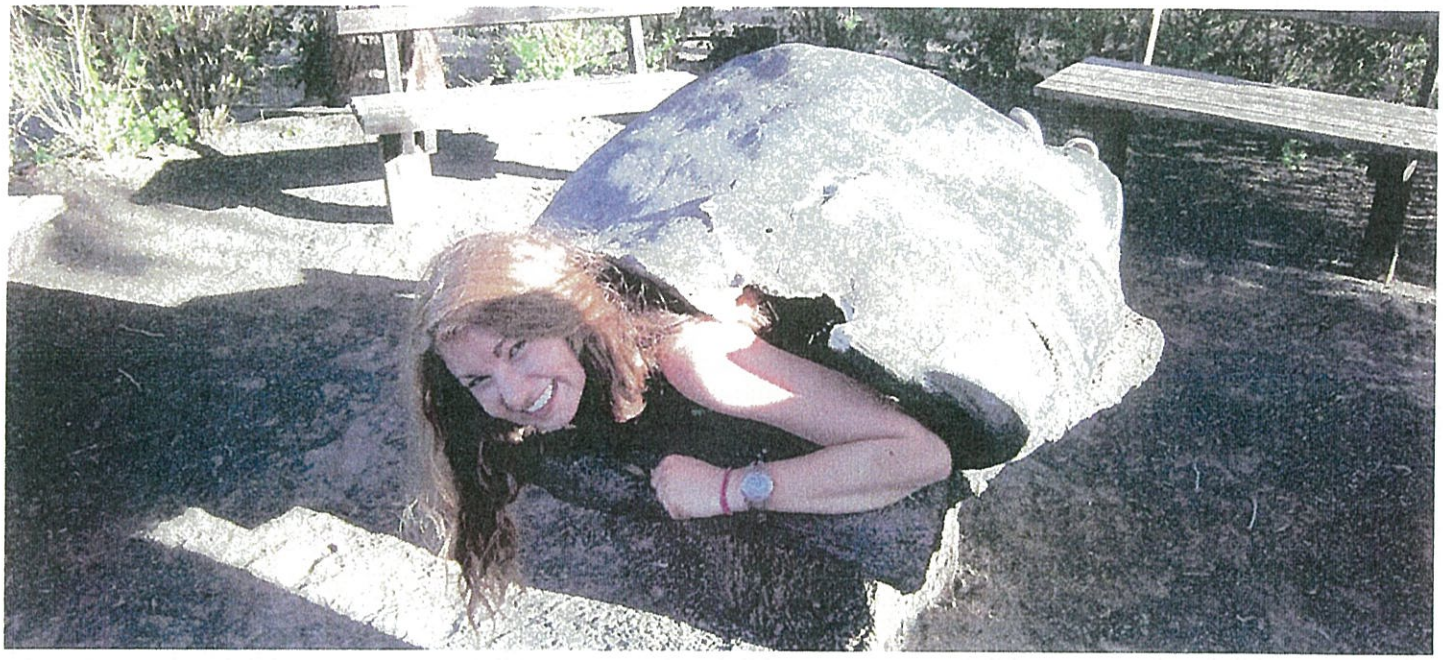

Galápagos Island Adventure

explorica.com/Melino-50
April 16 - April 26, 2020

Day 1 Hola Quito
Meet your tour director and check into hotel

Day 2 Quito landmarks
Quito guided sightseeing tour : Independence Plaza, Government Palace, San Francisco Church visit, Mitad del Mundo visit

Day 3 Quito--Galápagos
Fly to San Cristóbal Island
Interpretation Center visit
Tijeretas Bay excursion : Coastal hike to Tijeretas Bay, see Frigatebirds, rays, sea lions
Playa Mann beach time

Day 4 La Galapaguera & La Loberia excursion
La Galapaguera visit
Hike to El Junco Lake
La Loberia Beach excursion: Snorkeling at La Loberia Beach, see sea lions, marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies & lava lizards

Day 5 San Cristóbal Island--Isabela Island
Transfer to Isabela Island via boat
Primicias Ranch visit
View lava tunnels

Day 6 Sierra Negra Volcano excursion
Full-day guided Sierra Negra Volcano hike
Puerto Villamil beach time

Day 7 Las Tintoreras excursion
Travel to Tintoreras via boat
Las Tintoreras visit
Snorkeling adventure
Wetlands visit: Playa del Amor, estuary tunnels, Wall of Tears visit
Giant Tortoise Breeding Center guided visit
Flamingo Lake walk

Day 8 Isabela Island--Santa Cruz Island
Transfer to Santa Cruz Island via boat
Darwin Research Station guided visit

Day 9 Santa Cruz Island--Quito
Transfer to Baltra Island via Itabaca Canal
Twin Craters visit
Fly to Quito

Day 10 End tour
Fly home

Day 11 Return home

Reserve your Spot!

SIGN UP FOR JUST $50

Tour Center ID: Melino-50
~~Registration deadline: June 25, 2018~~

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 9 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Changes in the regulations of the Galapagos National Park may result in changes to the itinerary
- Tour Diary™
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Please visit our Fees FAQ page for a full list of items that may not be included in the cost of your tour.

Tour investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): $3,872
Adults (age 23 and over): $4,402

Price reflects savings of $200 scholarship. Sign up by ~~6/21/2018~~ extended and enter code 2020earlybird in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just $50 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of June 04, 2018, your monthly payment would be just $175.71.

Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.com/paymentplans.

Travel protection

Most Explorica travelers protect their investment with one of our trusted plans, starting from just $12 per day. To learn more, visit explorica.com/cfar.

Enroll online, by phone, or by mail

explorica.com/Melino-50

1.888.310.7121

Download and complete a paper application on explorica.com/resources

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travel. learn.

145 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111

Global Education
Galápagos Islands
Objectives of trip

Student learning objectives:

- Students will learn biographical information about Charles Darwin and his contributions to science in general as well as his specific contributions to psychological science.
- Students will learn about the significance of Darwin's visit to the Galápagos Islands to the development of his beliefs with regard to the primary mechanisms influencing species change across time.
- Students will learn about the interactive influences of heredity & environment on human and non-human animals.
- Students will develop an increased appreciation regarding the behavioral influences common to human and non-human animals.
- Students will have the opportunity to observe the physical and behavioral adaptations which are characteristic of numerous endemic species on the various islands in the Galápagos Archipelago.
- Students will have the opportunity to enhance their understanding of the role of behavior and behavioral adaptations in changes in species across time, as well as the role of ancestral history in determination of behavior.
- Students will learn general interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary information related to the history and scientific significance of the Galápagos Islands and Ecuador (the country of which the Galápagos Islands are a province).
- Students learning will be enhanced by an experiential element by visiting Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands

Massachusetts DOE Biology Framework - Evolution and Biodiversity Standards

Central Concepts: Evolution is the result of genetic changes that occur in constantly changing environments. Over many generations, changes in the genetic make-up of populations may affect biodiversity through speciation and extinction.

5.1 Explain how evolution is demonstrated by evidence from the fossil record, comparative anatomy, genetics, molecular biology, and examples of natural selection.

5.2 Describe species as reproductively distinct groups of organisms. Recognize that species are further classified into a hierarchical taxonomic system (kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, species) based on morphological, behavioral, and molecular similarities. Describe the role that geographic isolation can play in speciation.

5.3 Explain how evolution through natural selection can result in changes in biodiversity through the increase or decrease of genetic diversity within a population.

Foreign Language Standards:

4.16. Identify examples of interactions in the target culture and discuss the meanings of this music, dance, plays, epic poetry, and visual arts from various historical periods in the target culture.

6.7 Compare and contrast examples of music, visual arts, dance, and theatre from the target culture with examples from their own culture.

Culture:

4.8 Identify patterns of social behavior that are typical of the target culture.

4.9 Interact appropriately in social and cultural activities, such as: exchanges in a restaurant.

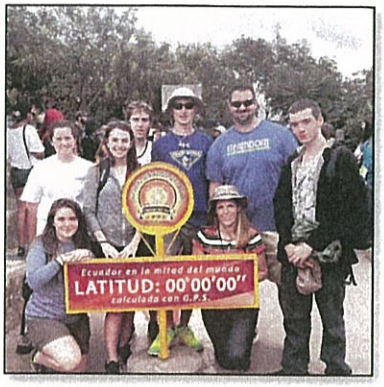
4.10 Identify distinctive aspects of the target culture presented in print literature, visual arts and videos, and relate these to the cultural perspectives of the target language.

4. 11 Identify historical and/or cultural figures from the target culture and described their contributions.

Galápagos Islands Adventure!

April 2020

- Join us as we experience one of the most significant ecological and scientifically historical sites in the world!
- Follow in the footsteps of Charles Darwin and see where he formulated his theory of evolution!
- Explore the ecology and evolutionary patterns of the islands as well as mountainous Ecuador!
- Go snorkeling on gorgeous lava rock reefs with sea lions, penguins, & brightly colored fish!
- Hike 13,000 feet to a volcano!
- Observe giant Galapagos tortoises, Blue Footed Boobies, Marine Iguanas, Frigate birds, penguins, finches, sea lions, and other native species
- Visit the Equator museum!
- Visit and learn about the Twin Craters!
- Immerse yourself in the local culture of Quito, Ecuador's capital (the highest official capital city in the world)



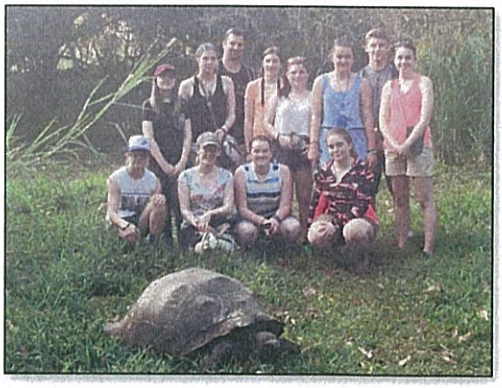
When: April Vacation 2020

Where: Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands

With: Mrs. Melino

Cost: $3,872
Includes travel, accomodations, all activities and most meals.

Website: www.explorica.com/Melino-50



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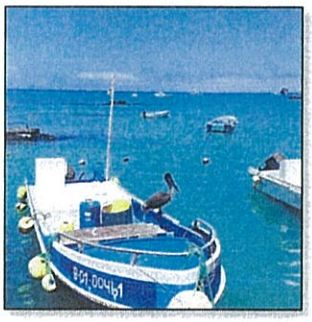

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