

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Arizona Academy of Science and Technology, Inc. (CTDS) 078665000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) P.O. Box 13606

(City, State) Phoenix, Arizona (Zip) 85002

(Charter Representative's Name) Grant Creech

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± Changes in number of contractual days of instruction

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Arizona Academy of Science and Technology, Inc. (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: 180 Instructional Days

TO: 186 Instructional Days

Fiscal Year Effective Date: 2012

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 29 day of July, 2011, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ____ day of ____, 20__, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.



Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Arizona Academy of Science and Technology
June 8, 2011
1875 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Room 107

Members Present

Creech, Grant
Flannigan, Vaughn
Nguyen, An

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Grant Creech

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of Consent Agenda

(a) Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Minutes from the Board Meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 were reviewed by the Board.

Motion

Mr. Creech made a motion that Board Minutes from May 11, 2011 be accepted. Mr. Flannigan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 2(a): Report from Executive Director

Mr. Creech advised the Board that the latest draft of the new school lease was being reviewed by CUMC management, and that Mr. Creech would present the latest draft to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Creech also advised the Board that he was working with ADI on drafting a FY12 proposed budget. Mr. Creech stated that the school's transfer application was on the ASBCS's June Board meeting. Mr. Creech presented the Board with ASBCS's recommendations on transferring the school's application from ADE. Mr. Creech updated the Board on the math curriculum, and the policy & procedure review. Mr. Flannigan asked the date and time of the Charter Board meeting. Mr. Creech advised the Board that the meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2011 at 1:00pm. Mr. Creech answered the Board's questions pertaining to his report.

Agenda Item 2(b): Report from Principal

Mr. Flannigan advised the Board of year-end events: water day, promotion ceremony, and last day of school. Mr. Flannigan stated that 14 Kindergarten students and 9 eighth grade students went through the promotion ceremony. Mr. Flannigan provided the Board with additional parent feedback from the 1-on-1 meetings. Mr. Flannigan also advised the Board of the teacher fair the school was participating in and that he has been in the process of going through resumes. Mr. Flannigan answered the Board's questions pertaining to his report.

Agenda Item 2(c): Report on Community Relations

Ms. Vargas presented the Board with information on current student recruiting efforts and upcoming events. Ms. Vargas advised the Board that a majority of new and prospective parents/students had found the school through our website and online research. Ms. Vargas mentioned that kindergarten and first

grade were filling up quickly, and that the school was hosting a kindergarten open house on June 27 from 4-5:30pm. Ms. Vargas also stated that the school would be aggressively pursuing a targeted summer mailing campaign and would continue with a referral program. Ms. Vargas answered the Board's questions pertaining to her report.

Agenda Item 3: AIMS Results Discussion

Mr. Creech presented the Board with Spring 2011 AIMS results and provided a narration of the scores. Mr. Creech explained that students would experience a number of changes during the 2011-2012 school year to promote increased performance on the AIMS: after school tutorials, increased Title I math & reading instruction for targeted students, change of personnel in math and language arts, new math curriculum, introduction of supplemental math program online, AIMS preparation days embedded in the regular schedule, and increased parental involvement through the Parent Volunteer Program. The Board discussed these and other measures that the school should evaluate and implement in improving AIMS scores across the campus. Mr. Creech answered the Board's questions pertaining to this information.

★ **Agenda Item 4: Amendment to Increase Instructional Days from 180 to 186 for 2011-2012 School Year.**

Mr. Creech proposed that the Board increase instructional days from 180 to 186 for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Creech explained that with current AIMS scores and the desire to create a more involved educational experience at Arizona Academy of Science the Board should consider this increase. Mr. Creech noted that this recommendation is also being made given a number of conversations held with parents who have expressed an interest in the school having a longer school year. The Board discussed this increase and Mr. Creech answered the Board's corresponding questions.

Motion

Mr. Creech made a motion that the Board approve an increase of six (6) instructional days from 180 to 186 and that AAST submit a written request for said changes to the ASBCS pending final approval. Mr. Flannigan seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 5: School Calendar: 2011 - 2012

Mr. Creech presented the Board with a proposed 2011-2012 school calendar, comparing the proposed calendar against other local district and charter schools, and against AAST's calendar from 2010-2011. Mr. Flannigan suggested moving the proposed promotion ceremony to the last day of school in May 2012. The Board discussed the proposed calendar, verifying the dates provided.

Motion

Ms. Nguyen made a motion that the Board approve the proposed School Calendar for 2011-2012 with a modification of the promotion ceremony moved to the last day of school. Mr. Creech seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Item 6: Title I Update and Discussion

Mr. Creech advised the Board of the current status with Title I, stating that all requested documentation had been submitted to ADE for their review. Mr. Creech stated that Ms. Orlando of ADE would be supplying the ASBCS information advising them that we were engaged in ongoing communication with ADE in an effort to provide all requested documentation and resolve any Title I issue. Mr. Creech advised the Board that he would provide updates at the next Board meeting. The Board did not have any questions for Mr. Creech regarding Title I.

Agenda Item 7: Board Meeting Dates and Times

Mr. Creech stated that current Board members were not on the AAST Board at the time the regular Board meeting dates and times were established. Mr. Creech solicited feedback from the Board regarding the current meeting time of the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Mr. Flannigan and Ms. Nguyen both acknowledged that their schedules would be changing and that it would be best to continue this topic in July. Mr. Creech acknowledged that this would be added as an agenda item for July's Board meeting scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comment

A member of the public asked the Board if the Board would be changing school day hours for the 2011-2012 school year. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Creech thanked the audience member for her question and stated that the regular instructional hours of 8:00am-2:40pm would not be changing at this time. There were no additional public comments or questions for the Board.

Agenda Item 9: Request for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings

Mr. Creech explained that the Board would need to convene a meeting later in the month to review and approve the FY12 Proposed Budget. Mr. Creech added that the next meeting should involve updates to the ASBCS transfer status and Title I updates. Mr. Creech concluded that future Board meeting dates and times should be added to July's Board Meeting on July 13, 2011.

Agenda Item 10: Executive Session:

(a) Personnel Discussion

Motion

Mr. Creech made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters and contracts for the FY12 school year. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

The Board entered executive session at 7:26pm.

The Board ended executive session at 7:34pm.

Motion

Mr. Creech made a motion to approve FY12 personnel contracts for L. Gassner and C. McCulley at the salary rate and terms as specified in their contracts. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm


Signature

6/9/11
Date

ARIZONA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

2011-2012 Official School Calendar

Academic Quarters

- 1st Quarter: Aug 8 – Oct 11 (46 days)
- 2nd Quarter: Oct 12 – Jan 4 (47 days)
- 3rd Quarter: Jan 5 – Mar 20 (47 days)
- 4th Quarter: Mar 21 – May 25 (46 days)

- * Semester 1: 93 Days
- * Semester 2: 93 Days
- * Total Days: 186

Notes:

- Aug 8: 1st Day of School
- Sep 5: No School; Labor Day
- Nov 11: No School; Veterans Day
- Nov 23-25: No School; Thanksgiving
- Dec 19-Jan 1: Winter Break
- Jan 16: No School; MLK Day
- Feb 20: No School; Presidents' Day
- Mar 12-16: Spring Break
- Apr 6-9: April Break
- May 25: Last Day of School

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April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012
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