B.2 School Governing Body

As the BASIS school network has expanded, the BASIS Schools, Inc. Board of Directors has considered multiple proposals for how to ensure effective, responsible, and consistent governance over all schools. To that end, the Board recently hired its first Executive Director to serve as a day-to-day liaison with the management company and to facilitate the Board's meetings and general communications. The Executive Director also acts in the same role for BDC, A Public Charter School, Inc., and BTX Schools, Inc., the out-of-state non-profit entities that serve as charter holders for BASIS DC, BASIS San Antonio, and BASIS San Antonio North. Building in this staffing for the Board, without creating a duplicative infrastructure, allows even greater continuity among the charter schools.

Governing Body

In accordance with the requirements of ARS §15-183, BASIS Mesa K-6 will be governed by the BASIS Schools, Inc. Board of Directors and the BASIS Schools Governing Body.

BASIS Schools, Inc. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of BASIS Schools, Inc. (BSI) is the Corporate Board responsible for overseeing all corporate activities and operations; the lease or acquisition and continuing ownership of school facilities, ensuring compliance with the Charter Contract and applicable law; adopting an annual charter school budget for each fiscal year that has adequate resources to fulfill its obligations under the Charter Contract; appointing, reappointing and establishing terms for the School Governing Body members; reviewing Annual Financial and Compliance Audits; and contracting with and overseeing the Educational Management Contract with BASIS.ed. Under the management agreement, BSI requires regular evaluations and has specified performance thresholds to evaluate the performance of BASIS.ed. The agreement has been scrutinized for reasonableness by an independent firm.

The BSI Board of Directors have years of experience in federal education reform policy and local education management, and they are elected for their expertise in the field of education and for their support of innovation in education. The initial Board of Directors was established in 1998 and has operated consistently since that time.

The Board of Directors plays a critical role in defining and maintaining the mission and thus succession planning for filling vacant positions is extremely important. Succession planning for the Board of Directors starts with the identification of individuals who share a keen appreciation for the mission of BASIS and will be able to bring relevant expertise to the growth and development of the organization. Current Directors are responsible for searching for suitable candidates. Once individuals are identified a rigorous interview process follows to ensure alignment with the BASIS mission and commitment to extraordinary results. New members of the Board of Directors are elected by the majority of current members.

Craig Barrett, the Chairman of the Board, has been an avid supporter of BASIS for many years; he assumed the position of Chairman on July 1, 2010 and has set an aggressive growth plan in his time on the Board. Dr. Barrett is a staunch supporter of education reform and a staple in the on-going national dialog on education and education reform, relentlessly pushing for reform measures to help the United States improve its results in comparison to our international peers.

Along with Dr. Barrett, the BSI Board of Directors includes a collection of education supporters and experts in their fields; the direction and vision of the school has grown organically from the members' various backgrounds and their shared vision for educational excellence in America.

School Governing Body & Advisory Committee

The Board of Directors is responsible for appointing members of the School Governing Body. In accordance with Arizona law (ARS §15-183), the School Governing Body is responsible for adopting overall school policy and adoption of annual budgets. Meetings of the School Governing Body will be held in accordance with the provisions of Arizona's Open Meeting Law. Board meeting notices will be published on the School's website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and a notice will be physically posted in the school's lobby within the same timeframe. The School Governing Body for BASIS Mesa K-6 consists of seven members that include the Executive Director of BASIS Schools, Inc., the Vice President of Schools Management Services for BASIS.ed, a Head of School from a BASIS School in Arizona (rotating on a one year term), and four community members appointed by the BSI Board of Directors (serving one year terms each). The School Governing Body plays an important role in helping BSI implement its mission. Members of the Body shall share a keen appreciation for the mission of the School and will be able to bring relevant community perspectives to the growth and development of BASIS Mesa K-6.

The School Governing Body will work closely with a local school based Advisory Committee specific to BASIS Mesa K-6 that provides non-binding but informed advice and guidance to the School Governing Body based upon the needs of their community. The Committee will meet annually, and gather at other times as needed to address specific issues or requests for input from the School Governing Body. Members of the Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Head of School.