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PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Career Success High School - Mesa (CTDS) 078748000

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(City, State) Scottsdale, AZ (Zip) 85250

(Charter Representative's Name) Robert L. Duffy

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Changes in instructional methodology, and/or delivery that affects the emphasis, program of instruction or mission as described in the charter

Included are the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
Narrative describing the change, the rationale for the change, and how the change will meet the ASBCS' adequate level of academic performance for student achievement.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Career Success High School - Mesa (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: Traditional, teacher driven classroom style teaching of the core subjects

TO: The core subjects being taught on-line in real time with the assistance of a classroom instructor

See Narrative for a further description.

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 25 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 (with handwritten signature of Robert L. Duffy)

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Career Success High School - Mesa

Building a World Class Charter School: A Student Ownership Approach to Learning and Success

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2011 at 3:30 PM
SAGE Elementary School
3120 N. 32nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85018**

Minutes

1. Call to Order. Members present Bob Duffy, Hector Placencia, Jean Duffy.

Quorum established. Brian Miller's resignation was accepted at the previous board meeting.

Present: Kin Griffith, IVT Technology, and Harriet Caruso, Assistant Superintendent, CSSchools, both pending Board members. Also present Terry Warren, Attorney

2. Bob presented the minutes of the May 11, 2011 Board Meeting and asked if there was any discussion, no discussion. Hector moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Jean - Motion passed.
3. Bob acknowledged those present and asked if there were additional items to be placed on the agenda.
4. Discussion began on the IVT, Inter-Visual Technologies, service agreement and how their program offerings and resources could be a benefit to us. Both Harriet and Bob, having looked closely at IVT's program and in discussions with Kin, reported that their on-line delivery of the CORE curriculum will definitely better meet the needs of our students. Currently, we are limited in our curricular offerings.

IVT offers computer based courses, self-paced and delivered on-line in real time. They are a Florida based company operating in several states. Their standards are aligned and they will be hiring and training local staff for the school. Our current District Staff will oversee all operations.

Seat time will still be required and highly qualified teachers will be in the classroom overseeing the learning. Up-graded computers and iPads will be used and, with the social marketing ability of IVT to market and advertise on-line, enrollment numbers will increase. Something we have not been able to do effectively with limited funds.

Bob reminded the Board of the low 100th day counts that Mesa has experienced the past 2 years, 67 students each year - and with the high lease payments going forward the next 2 years, the possibility of surrendering the Charter would be are only option. 40 students are planning to return next year, they do not want the school to close.

Terry reported the negotiations with the Graham, the Landlord, have been finalized. He has agreed to reduce the rent payment, over the final two years of the lease, from an average \$14K to \$10K. per month. Terry said Graham saw the value on how the program would be used and appeal to students but, more importantly for him was the fact that we would not be surrendering the charter and walking out of the remaining 2 years of the lease. A 4th Amendment will be made to the lease. Kin, said that he had talked with Graham personally about IVT and what interior improvements will be made to the classrooms – paint, carpeting, etc.

Hector commented that the self-paced, individualized instruction and the flexibility to offer more one-one-one learning would benefit the type of at-risk student we get. Many need credit recovery, specific courses to meet specific graduation requirements and, with our limited course offering ability with only a staff of five teachers, we cannot meets their needs as well. He said he had past experience opening online schools for a previous employer and agreed this is the best option for us.

Hector made the motion to move forward with the agreement with IVT and submit a Program of Instruction Amendment to the Charter Board the addition and change in the delivery of the curriculum. Jean seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Hector made the motion to have Terry proceed and prepare the 4th amendment to the lease for signatures. Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Election of New Board Members. Bob presented to the Board Harriet Caruso and Kin Griffith as new Board members increasing our total to five. Brian Miller had resign from the Board at the last meeting and with the new changes and agreement with IVT both Harriet and Kin would make two logical additions.

Hector moved to accept the addition of Harriet Caruso to the Board. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed 3-0.

Hector moved to accept the addition of Kin Griffith to the Board. Seconded by Jean. Motion passed. 3-0. New Business:

6. New Business: Bob indicated to the board that the graduation went very well. The ceremony took place at Mesa Community College Navajo Room facility. Approximately 350 parents and family members attend for the 34 graduates.

One of the graduates could not attend the ceremony due to complications. She was admitted to the Mesa hospital for tests. Bob and Liz met her and her parents at the hospital on Saturday, a few days after the graduation and presented her with her diploma. She was able to put on her cap and gown and enjoy the evening with her relatives.

No other new business was discussed.

7. Adjournment: Jean made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Hector. Motion passed 3-0.

Career Success High School - Mesa

Program of Instruction Amendment Request Narrative Describing the Change and Rationale

The primary reason and the rationale for requesting this amendment is to upgrade and improve our curriculum by using more of a technology-based education to better meet the needs of our students and keep pace with the 21st century goals found within our Mission Statement.

With enrollment falling at the high school over the past two years causing significant budget strains, and the fact that we attract increasing numbers of at-risk students with credit recovery needs and behavior issues, we needed to decide how to address the increasing needs of our students with decreasing resources.

Various options were considered, including closing the school and surrendering the Charter. We decided not to close the doors to our 42 returning students who have high needs and few options. Instead, we agreed in favor of reinvigorating the school by infusing more technology through instruction, attracting more students and thus be able to provide more resources.

We have arranged for an experienced provider of technology-based education to meet our needs. IVT, InterVisual Technologies, will upgrade our computers and provide iPads for student use. Courses will be taken on-line, which will allow for self paced and differentiated learning to easily take place. The number and variety of courses far exceed present offerings. All courses are standards based, aligned with the Arizona Standards and are strongly enhanced by technology.

A variety of Career Focused class are also offered on-line which compliments our focus in preparing each graduate for transition into a career and/or further training in college or a trade school.

Currently each class we teach is "teacher driven". With our low enrollment numbers over the last two years we could only offer students a very limited number of classes - the four core subjects and one elective. Unfortunately, the one computer lab only supported our elective business classes and not available for the core subjects.

Our basis focus of Career Choice and Career Education will remain the same. The change in delivery of instruction will be in the CORE classes which increases the amount of individualized support each student receives, resulting in the opportunity for increased academic performance and student achievement, not to mention increased student interest and motivation.

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It is not distance learning, teachers and students are on campus and normal seat time will be required. Highly qualified teachers will oversee the learning and have ample time to give individualized assistance, small group instruction, and promote increased student understanding, motivation and achievement.

Learning through the use of on-line technology is becoming more and more popular and relevant for high school students today. Our goal of preparing our graduates with both the necessary academic skills and having the ability to transition into a career and/or college is crucial

In closing we are confident IVT, Inter-Virtual Technology the provider, with their virtual marketing ability and the additional enrichment program and curriculum offerings to support the needs of our students; will increase enrollment numbers, academic achievement/AYP and meet budget projections.

This change will allow us to compete with surrounding schools and I am optimistic that this is the answer for the Mesa Campus

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Duffy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "D".

Bob Duffy

Charter Representative