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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST APR 9 2010

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(Charter Holder Name)

Compass Points International Inc (dba- Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy)

(CTDS) _____

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) PO Box 10245

(City, State) Prescott (Zip) 86304

(Charter Representative's Name) Geneva R. Saint-Amour

(Phone Number) 928-717-3272 (Fax Number) 928-541-2294

Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being

↓ 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 Geneva R. Saint-Amour (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: 180 days with a 5 day school week (August 9 to May 26)

TO: 150 days with a 4 day school week (August 16 to May 26)*

***7 weeks of the year will have 5 days to accommodate the program**

***See attached calendar with explanation**

Fiscal Year Effective Date: **2010/2011**

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 9 day of April, 2010, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this _____ day of _____, 2010, 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

2.7a School Calendar

Days of instruction: Northpoint Academy will have 150 days of school instruction	
First Day of Instruction	Monday, August 16, 2010
Labor Day, No School	Monday, September 6, 2010
Fall Break	Monday through Friday October 11-15, 2010
Veteran’s Day, No School	Thursday, November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Break, No School	Thursday and Friday, November 25-26
Half Day (End of 1 st Semester)	Thursday, December 16, 2010
Winter Break, No School	Monday, December 20 – Friday December 31, 2010
Civil Rights Day MLK, No School	Monday, January 17, 2011
Presidents Day, No School	Monday, February 21, 2011
Spring Break, No School	Monday, March 14, 2011 – Friday, March 18, 2011
Graduation Day	Friday, May 27, 2011
Memorial Day, Office closed	Monday, May 30, 2011
Planned Holidays	
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2010
Veteran’s Day	Thursday, November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday and Friday, November 25-26
Civil Rights Day MLK	Monday, January 17, 2011
President’s Day	Monday, February 21, 2011
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2011
Other Days Off	
Fall Break	Monday through Friday October 11-15, 2010
Winter Break	Monday, December 20 – Friday December 31, 2010
Spring Break	Monday, March 14, 2011 – Friday, March 18, 2011
Professional Development, No students	Fridays: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 11/19, 12/10, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6
Professional Learning Communities, No students	Fridays: 9/17, 10/1, 10/22, 11/12, 12/3, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29
Student Led conferences	Fridays: 10/29, 11/5, 3/4 3/11
Half Days	
End of 1 st semester	Thursday, December 16, 2010
End of 2 nd semester	Wednesday and Thursday, May 25- -26, 2011

Section 2.7b

Weekly Schedule

Instructional Hours: HRS 15-901.a.2 sets the minimum number of instructional hours for public schools.

The required number of instruction a hour required by grade level for FY 2006 and thereafter is as follows:

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12= 720 hours

Hours of instruction: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday= From 8:30am to 3:30pm

*exceptions as noted on other side (5 weeks of the year)

Hours designated for core academic subjects: 5.5 hrs

Bell Schedule 2010-2011

MTWT	
Period 1	8:30-9:40
Period 2	9:45-10:50
Period 3	10:55-12:00
LUNCH	12:00-12:25
Period 4	12:30-1:10
Period 5	1:15-2:20
Period 6	2:25-3:30

Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy PROPOSED- Charter School Calendar for 2010-2011

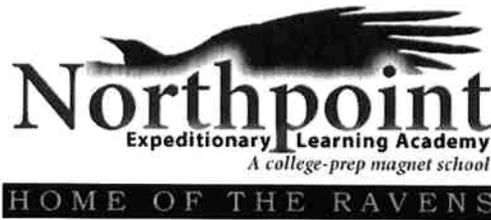
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- First day of school
- Professional Learning Communities
- Professional Development
- Student Led Conferences
- Celebration of Learning
- Half-Day for Students
- Intensives
- Evening Intensives Expo
- Graduation
- No school for students or teachers
- X - Holiday - no school for students or staff
- School office open - 12 month employees work



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NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at the Bradshaw Senior Community in the Rose Room., Prescott, Arizona.

April 5, 2010

Carole Jolly, board president, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The following voting board members were present:

-Carole Jolly, Richard Van Demark, Sidney Shepherd, Robin Frielich, Marco Renzi.

Board member Joan Fleming was absent.

The following guests were present:

Ramie Liddle, Claudia Holitzki, Heidi Belzrun.

Carole Jolly moved to approve the agenda and Sidney Shepherd seconded. The agenda is approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Carole Jolly turns the meeting over to Geneva Saint-Amour who thanked everyone for attending and introduced Claudia Holitzki and Heidi Belzrun, visitors from Germany who accompanied Northpoint's German exchange students, and invites them to speak. Claudia Holitzki speaks of the importance of looking at other cultures without judgment. She explained that Northpoint has a bi-yearly exchange program where one year they come here, and the next year, Northpoint goes to Germany. As a result of this program, family ties have been formed. They were originally a part of the German American Partnership (GAP), but have outgrown that organization so they no longer underwrite this exchange, but are aware of the program. She informed the board that schools in Germany are divided by different levels of kids (i.e. "smart", handicapped, etc.). One exception is their school, Ernst Reuter Schule #2, located in Frankfurt, where all children are admitted. Their student population is 1,200. Northpoint instructor, Melissa Wagoner, has attended special training in New York to become a coordinator for the program.

CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARY

Geneva Saint-Amour distributed a flyer for the upcoming Charter Summit. She stated she feels this is the first stage of talking between the charter schools in the area.

Geneva Saint-Amour informed the board that Nancy Bolger will be attending a charter business class at the end of April.

Geneva Saint-Amour stated that no date had yet been set for the governing board retreat.

Sidney Shepherd asked the board for panel participants for 10th and 12th grade passages during the first week of May.

STUDY AND VOTING SESSION

Geneva Saint-Amour provided the board with a handout that details the **Open Meeting Law (ARS § 38-431.02)**. She reminded everyone of the information on the handout from last month, page 157, that states that the governing board recognizes their position as a public entity and will comply with the law. She added that there will be additional training in this area as the year goes on. Sidney Shepherd moved to approve the Open Meeting Notice, including ARS § 38-431.02, Robin Frielich seconded and the motion passed.

A discussion ensued as to Northpoint's **Enrollment Policies**. Current enrollment for the next school year was discussed. It was noted enrollment numbers can be changed, either up or down, as necessitated by fluctuating enrollment.

It was explained that current 9th grade enrollment numbers are low due to Northpoint's restriction on recruiting at any PUSD campus. Geneva Saint-Amour asked for the board's help in recruiting efforts. Several recruitment ideas were presented, including newspaper ads, postcards and radio ads. Geneva Saint-Amour stated that according to other charter schools, "word of mouth" is the best advertising.

Geneva Saint-Amour explained the lottery process and how it applies to enrollment. Sidney Shepherd asked if Northpoint can call parents, prior to the lottery, to ask if they are going to enroll their students. Geneva Saint-Amour said it's okay but it is very time consuming and she was aware that other charter school follow this procedure.

Geneva Saint-Amour informed the board that she has not yet offered any teaching positions due to the fluid nature of enrollment.

Geneva Saint-Amour stated that only new enrolling students will have to go through the current enrollment process:

- Information Session
- Application Survey
- Transcripts
- Attendance
- IEP/504

- Certificate of Attendance
- Interview/Placement Tests

Geneva Saint-Amour informed the board that Northpoint must enroll any and all students who apply and follow through all of the above steps.

Carole Jolly moved to approve the Enrollment Process in compliance with ARS § 38-431.02, Robin seconded and the motion passes.

Geneva Saint-Amour reported that negotiations are continuing with PUSD regarding the remainder of the Dexter facility. She stated she met with a 10-person preliminary review panel for Yavapai County, who has accepted jurisdiction for the Camp Charles Pearlstein camp. It was learned that the camp had never gone through the approval process and many areas needed attention, including electrical, HVAC/lighting, fire alarms. The biggest issue is the requirement for ADA Compliance regarding complete accessibility such as hard surfaces, ramps, handholds and push bars. In addition, the public road would generate additional traffic and the camp would be responsible for the upgrading.

Subsequent to that meeting, Geneva Saint-Amour met with the representatives from Camp Pearlstein and they are still agreeable to having us pursue a potential lease for their facility. Geneva Saint-Amour told them that parent volunteers would be available to assist to keep the costs down. The representatives said they would let Northpoint rent their basketball courts, climbing wall, etc., in the interim. They further stated that they are in negotiations to purchase the property and hope to have it finalized by the end of this year. The property encompasses 50 acres.

Geneva Saint-Amour proposed that Northpoint stay at its current location for one year to allow Camp Pearlstein time to bring the camp up to code. Her proposal to Kevin Kapp, superintendent for the Prescott Unified School District, is to let Northpoint lease the Dexter facility for a fixed price for three (3) years, but that either party could terminate the lease with 180 days notice. There would be an option to renew each year. The rent would be \$8,900.00 per month just for the facility, not to include utilities. This would include the cafeteria and it breaks down 23 cents a square foot.

Robin Frielich asked what agreement Northpoint has that Camp Charles Pearlstein will stay with us and Geneva Saint-Amour answered that she has reassurances from the camp managers but added that she will talk to the camp representatives again. She intends to ask for a 5-8 year lease that would state that we can remain even if the property is bought, sold, etc. She also informed the board that it would be illegal for Northpoint to have the first option to buy the Dexter facility because it's a public building.

Carole Jolly asked Geneva Saint-Amour about Camp Yavapines. She replied that there were several conflicts that would preclude us from using their facility, including that we could not use their facility from Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset due to their religious requirements. These restrictions would preclude Northpoint from many fundraising opportunities and Saturday drop offs. She stated that the facility would not be workable for Northpoint at this time.

Geneva Saint-Amour asked the board to approve negotiations with Prescott Unified School District for the Dexter facility, without taking action prior to discussing the terms with the board.

The proposal is three (3) years at \$8,900.00 per month, 180 day prior notice to opt in/out for either party. Robin Frielich asked if Northpoint's cash flow was appropriate and Geneva Saint-Amour stated that the school district was willing to wait for payment until the charter monies are released. Carol Jolly moves that the motion be approved, Robin Frielich seconded and the motion was passed.

A new discussion was started regarding a **four day week** for the students. The calendar was submitted at a 180 days/5 day week. If the schedule were changed to a four day week it could reduce Northpoint's school year to 150 days, which still exceeds the legal limit for high schools. Another modification to the calendar includes a later start time, which numerous studies have shown is beneficial for teenagers. Northpoint's school year would start on August 16, 2010, one week later than Prescott Unified School District. The modified schedule would have five (5) days a week until after Labor Day, Wednesday's would be a full day, Intensives would still require a full five day week, and staff will still be required to work a 40 hour week.

Student representative Marco Renzi commented that PUSD gets out on the same day that Northpoint would. Sidney Shepherd asked why Northpoint did not start at the same time as PUSD. Robin Frielich commented that there was no accommodation for the day before Thanksgiving and there was a discussion about the possibility of moving Fall Break to the week of Thanksgiving. Carole Jolly said that if that were to happen, parents would still pull kids to accommodate other family members/kids/schools. She then added that Northpoint needs to educate the parents about how time missed equates to lost dollars for the school. Geneva Saint-Amour said that parents would be encouraged to schedule outside appointments on Friday's. Carole Jolly asked Sidney Shepherd if she would like a 4 day week as a teacher. Ms. Shepherd said yes, because half day Wednesday's isn't enough. She also commented that a 10 hour day would not be feasible and that a 4 day week would be a better balance and would save budget money since most conferences are held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Carol Jolly asked Marco Renzi how the kids are feeling about this and he replied that they're excited. Geneva Saint-Amour said that homework would be serious consideration and Marco Renzi stated that a lot kids don't use the free periods as they should. Sidney Shepherd asked Marco Renzi if he'd gone to the younger classes to get their opinions and suggested that he use Community Gathering to spread information and gain input. Carol Jolly asked if Ramie Liddle, Guidance Counselor, and Geneva Saint-Amour if they felt a 4 day work week were a good thing. Ramie Liddle replied that research supports it for both staff and students and called it a "win-win". Geneva Saint-Amour commented that it could also be a savings for the school if Nancy Bolger had Friday's available for reports, etc., and would require less outsourcing.

Sidney Shepherd moved to accept the charter school calendar. Carol Jolly seconded and the motion was passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Geneva Saint-Amour informed the board members that it is not required for them to have fingerprint clearance cards.

It was clarified that Sidney Shepherd is not yet a teacher for the charter school she is representing on the board, as no teachers have yet been hired, however, she is still able to vote on all agenda/business items.

Geneva Saint-Amour informed the board that the start-up grant money, totaling \$600,000.00 will not be released until after April 26, 2010. There were 40 charter schools applying for the grant money.

Geneva Saint-Amour reminds the board that she will be gone for the May 3, 2010 governing board meeting and that the board had approved a motion to move the meeting to May 10, 2010. Sidney Shepherd will not be at the May 10 meeting as she will be on her Intensive.

Carole Jolly adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.