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PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Arizona Montessori Charter School at Anthem dba Caurus Academy
(CTDS) 078991

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 2045 W. Northern Avenue

(City, State) Phoenix, AZ (Zip) 85021

(Charter Representative's Name) Debra Slagle

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Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.

↓ 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 Arizona Montessori Charter School at Anthem dba Caurus Academy (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

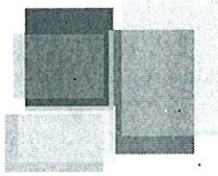
FROM: Originally stated materials to support program of instruction

TO: Additional materials to support program of instruction

Caurus Academy continues to operate as a Montessori school as set forth in its original charter. However, it has become necessary, particularly at grades 4 - 8, to incorporate additional materials to ensure alignment with Arizona Academic Standards, as well as increased student achievement to a more than adequate level. These instructional materials include the Great Books Series, which is incorporated into the Language Arts Classrooms, grades 4 - 8, as well as Saxon Math in grades 4 - 8. The Montessori Method is naturally inquiry-based and student centered. The additional materials support this method.

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 15 day of March, 2010, 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



Montessori at Anthem

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Montessori at Anthem Board Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2009
2045 W. Northern
Phoenix, AZ 85021
10:30 AM

Attending: Marcia Cook, Frank Yanez, Debra Slagle, Rhonda Rides
Not Attending: Rob Baurele

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M.

Discussion and possible action Items:

1. Frank Yanez motioned to approve the Adopted Budget as presented. Debra Slagle seconded and the motion passed unanimously
(The Board may decide to move into executive session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and ARS §38-431.03(A)(4) for advice of counsel.)
2. Debra Slagle motioned to add DBA Caurus Academy to the Montessori of Anthem name. Frank Yanez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
(The Board may decide to move into executive session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and ARS §38-431.03(A)(4) for advice of counsel.)
3. Debra Slagle explained to the board that ASRS is now requiring that each school join separately and that WCS employees working at Anthem cannot contribute under WCS. A question was raised regarding what has already been contributed under Westwind. Debra explained that ASRS has indicated that will be returned as a refund for the past year and a credit for the years past that. Then Westwind will be required to refund to employees the amount they contributed. Frank Yanez motioned to approve joining ASRS. Marcia Cook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
(The Board may decide to move into executive session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and ARS §38-431.03(A)(4) for advice of counsel.)
4. Rhonda Rides motioned to approve the implementation of Great Books and Saxon instructional materials for grades 4-8. Frank Yanez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no further Board Comments .

A Call to Public elicited no response.

Frank Yanez motioned to adjourn. Debra Slagle seconded and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

*Some board members may attend via telephone.