

Decreasing Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

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Desert Springs Academy, Inc.

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Representative

Name:
Mary Spatola

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

Remove Grade Levels

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6th
7th
8th

Effective Date
07/01/2015

Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

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Charter Representative Signature
Mary Spatola 03/10/2015

Desert Springs Academy
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School Board
Meeting
Monday March 9 2015

Call to Order: 6:15
Attendance: Katherine
Addis, Lydia Capara, John Capara, Via telephone: Mary Spatola

Read and
approve minutes from Feb. 9 2015
Motion to approve: John Capara
2nd to
approve: Katherine Addis
All in favor: 4 Approved

Read and approve
Financials for Feb. 2015
Motion to Approve: Katherine Addis
2nd to approve:
John Capara
All in favor: 4 Approved

Discussion on Marketing Plan and
progress:
Radio spots going well. Advertised in the newspaper today in the
education notes under open houses. Sent out post cards (cost was 8000.00) for
the school advertising the open house. Open house to be March 10th. Banner put
up for the open house by Addisigns,Inc. KRQ will be here for the open house and
kettle corn will be here. 11,000 total spent for advertising. Donation from
sales of kettle corn will be donated to the PTO.
Can possibly do a carnival at
a later date.
After school program : Offer at a very low price and Desert
Springs would make up the difference to fund it. Coordinator for the program is
very well liked. Allocate \$20 for funding. Currently 20 children on average are
in the program. Can also look into offering scholarships for after school care.
Contract will need to be written up for this program.
PMP: still waiting on a
response concerning this.
Received email regarding the curriculum alignment
was received and filed.

Next Board meeting to follow: contracts for teachers and staff needs to be added to the agenda. Need to look at a percentage across the board for teachers for contracts.

Contracts are given out in the month of April.

Will look at support staff and aides for the coming school year. Possible freeze of wages for the next school year.

Budget from the state stipulates that cuts are a possibility for the next school year. Probably no increase in funding the next year. Won't have any firm enrollment numbers until the month of August. Budget needs to be done in July.

School Calendar needs to be done in the April board meeting.

Had to exchange the iPad bought to pick one up that has the WiFi available.

Vote for Desert Springs Academy changing from grades K-12 to grades K-5 only going forward.

Motion to
approve the change :Katherine Addis
2nd to approve: John Capara
All in favor:
Katherine Addis, John Capara, Mary Spatola
Not in favor: Lydia Capara
Final
vote : 3 to 1

Call to Public: Sandra Shoffner enjoyed the time spent with the board.

Adjournment: 7:04 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Katherine Addis

Desert Springs Academy 2/9/2015 FY 2015-2016

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Decreasing grade levels served:

Required Materials for Administrative Completeness:

Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with A.R.S. §38-431.01) **See attachment.**

Rationale for decrease in grade levels served and effective date of change:

1. Desert Springs has historically struggled to fill grades 6,7,8. Thus leading us to combination grades (this year we had 6,7,8 in one class). We feel that reducing the grades served to k-5, will allow our school to more effectively serve and allocate resources more efficiently to this targeted population. Effective date of change: FY 2015-2016.

Narrative describing:

1. **The number of students displaced:** Currently DSA has a projected 6-8 enrollment for 2015-2016 of 13 students to be displaced.

2. **Efforts taken by the school to provide students with options and assistance**

If the reduction of grades served is approved by ASBCS, Desert Springs Academy will provide information to parents about local options.

Mary Spatola, Director, board member

Sandy Shoffner, Director, board member