

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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CHARTER HOLDER STATUS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Desert Star Community School (CTDS) 138714000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 1240 S. Recycler Rd.

(City, State) Cornville, AZ (Zip) 86325

(Charter Representative's Name) Catherine Weld

(Phone Number) 928-282-0171 (Fax Number) 928-284-9565

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.

Check appropriate box(s)

- Change in legal status of the Charter Holder
 Change in entity name of the Charter Holder
 Change in ownership of the Charter Holder (for-profits only)
 Other (please explain) We wish to remove the administrator from serving on the board.

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)
- Copy of amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission
- Provide information regarding any payment, benefit or consideration received or to be received by any party in the transition.

✚ Additional materials may be requested as required by the type of request

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Desert Star Community School ^{HR} ~~Catherine Weld~~ (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: p. 104 (see attached) - "The school administrator will participate as a non-voting member."

TO: remove the above line

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 6th day of April, 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.

Catherine J. Weld
Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Checklist for a change of the Charter Holder

Choose type of change occurring:

07/014/09

I. Welcome

1. Call to order / Roll Call at 3:30 PM

- Pam Israelson
- Tomas Winn
- Yvan Rochon
- Marc Bruehl
- Susan Simon
- Petra Breakstone –arrive 3:37
- Joey Philo
- Catherine Weld – absent

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Yvan moves to approve agenda 3.23.10

SECOND: Tomas

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Approval of minutes of 3.11.10

- Moved to next meeting

II. Board Business

1. Fuller Lane Property Update

(See attached)

- Plan seems to be favorable and has flexibility on timing and term of lease.
- The financial responsibility for asbestos testing will be Desert Stars.
- In the letter of intent there will be a clause about if asbestos is found at property.
- The proposal for leasehold improvements is free of interest and can be paid back at any time.
- There needs to be a decision if the lease agreement will be for 3 or 4 years.
- The board supports proceeding forward with this property rental.
- Research needs to be done to learn what other schools are charging for Kindergarten.

2. Charter Amendment Proposals

- a. Class size caps –

MOTION: Marc moves to amend charter to reflect a maximum of 24 students for class size.

SECOND: Yvan

VOTE: Unanimous

- b. Administrator position as non board member

MOTION: Pam moves to amend the charter under Governance Structure, #C role of the governing body and to remove the last sentence the school administrator will participate as a non voting member.

SECOND: Yvan

VOTE: Unanimous

c. Administrative Committee

- Table to another time.

2. Policy Manual revisions regarding employee contracts

MOTION: Yvan moves to accept the changes to the employee contract as proposed in attachment A.

SECOND: Pam

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Wildflower Summer Camp Proposal

- (See attachment) Distributed registration form and fee agreement.

MOTION: Pam moves to approve camp proposal from 3.11.10 with the clarification as follows 1. The camp director will provide all disposable activity materials and reimburse the school for electricity consumption with the amount to be agreed. Assistant for the program will be either school employees or a registered camp participant.

SECOND: Joey

VOTE: Unanimous, Marc abstains

5. Summer Grounds Keeper Position

- Proposal from Rhonda Bierman. Postpone until summer planning meeting April 6th.

IV. Reports from Staff

1. Administrative Report

- a. Current enrollment/absentee rate 104 / Current absent rate not available.
- The 100th day aggregate has been posted on ADE. Our estimate of the ADM seems to be estimated properly.
- b. Update: Faculty/staff planning Intent to Return –
- Arizona Growth Model we are 98% in math and 94% in reading. Shows how students improved in AIMS testing.
- c. Classroom updates –
- none at this time since school was on Spring break.

2. Administrator Evaluation Step 1

- Move to April 6th meeting.



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April 6, 2010

AZ Charter Board

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently called your office to inquire about which form should be used to remove language from the charter. I was advised to use the "Charter Holder Status Amendment Form" and add a cover letter.

We are wishing to remove the administrative position as a member of the Board of Directors in the charter. See attached form for details. If you require more information, please let me know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Simon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Susan Simon, Principal
Desert Star Community School