

Arizona State Board of Education

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INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Destiny School (CTDS) 048701001

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 798 E. Prickly Pear Dr.

(City, State) Globe (Zip) 85501

(Charter Representative's Name) Nancy McLendon

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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 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 Destiny School (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: 180 days

TO: 144 days

Fiscal Year Effective Date: 2011/2012

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 8th day of August, 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.

Nancy D. McLendon
Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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Public Hearing on 4 Day Academic Week

Destiny School

May 25, 2011

6:00 P.M.

Meeting held at Destiny School cafeteria

798 East Prickly Pear Drive, Globe, AZ

A. Call to order 6:00 P.M.

B. Pledge, Prayer

C. Roll Call-Present: David McLendon
Nancy McLendon
Scott Williamson
Cardella Williamson
Absent: None

D. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Cardella Williamson and second by David McLendon to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2010.

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E. Public Hearing/Public Participation

The Proposed 4 Day School Information Sheet was given to those in attendance. A presentation was made by David McLendon to the board members and the public concerning the possibility of a 4 day school week. The floor was opened to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Mr. Scott Williamson stated, "On some Friday afternoons there were classes that had less than half of their students present."

Mrs. Risa Palmer stated, "Every Friday before lunch we had a flood of students leaving who had siblings attending other area schools."

Mrs. Kristen Campise asked, "Would this extend the school calendar year?"

Mr. McLendon answered, "No, the State Board of Education only requires 144 calendar days for a 4 day schedule. Fall, Christmas, and Spring breaks will remain approximately the same."

Mrs. Jenna Gregory asked, "If a student comes on Friday does he have to be there all day or can he come for part of the day?"

Mr. McLendon answered, "We are here to be a help to the parents so Fridays would allow for students to come and go as the parents need."

Mrs. Cardella Williamson stated, “There were often so many students missing on Fridays that I and other teachers had to reteach the material on Mondays.”

Mrs. Susie Tena asked, “Will every staff member work every Friday?”

Mr. McLendon answered, “Administrative and support staff will work every Friday. Approximately one-third of instructional staff will be assigned for each Friday.”

Mrs. Cardella Williamson asked, “Will lunch be served on Fridays?”

Mr. McLendon answered, “Yes, lunch will work the same on Fridays as it does every other day.”

Mrs. Cardella Williamson stated, “I think being able to tutor the students that need it most on Fridays will raise test scores and I would look forward to devoting that time to struggling students.”

Mr. Williamson asked, “Are there any more questions from the floor?”
No response.

E. Adjourn

Motion by Scott Williamson and second by David McLendon to adjourn this Public Hearing at 6:45 P.M.

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AUG 31 2011

Public Hearing

Destiny School

June 7, 2011

6:30 P.M.

Meeting held at Destiny School cafeteria
798 East Prickly Pear Drive, Globe, AZ

A. Call to order 6:45 P.M.

B. Pledge, Prayer

C. Roll Call-Present: David McLendon
Nancy McLendon
Scott Williamson
Cardella Williamson
Absent: None

D. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Scott Williamson and second by David McLendon to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2011.

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E. Ratification of FY2010 Audit

Motion by David McLendon and second by Cardella Williamson to ratify the FY2010 Audit.

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F. Approve FY2011 Final Budget

Motion by Nancy McLendon and second by David McLendon to approve the FY2011 Final Budget.

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G. Public Hearing/Public Participation

The Proposed 4 Day School Information Sheet was given to those in attendance. A presentation was made by David McLendon to the school board and the public concerning the possibility of a 4 day school week.

The floor was opened to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Mr. David McLendon stated, “The overwhelming concern of the parents opposed to the 4 day schedule was being able to find childcare for one day a week. Along with tutoring, providing activities such as arts, crafts, music, and science projects that are even now hard to find time to fit in as much as we would like, can be done on Fridays.

Mrs. Cindy Escobedo stated and asked, “Other schools in the area promised to have tutoring on Fridays, but haven’t. How will you make sure kids who need help on Fridays get it?”

Mr. David McLendon answered, “Other schools in the area did not contract their teachers for the number of days needed to require the teachers to be there on Fridays. They expected teachers to volunteer their time for tutoring. Our teachers will be contracted to tutor on Fridays.”

Mr. David McLendon stated, “I believe there will be a 40-60 student increase in enrollment if the 4 day schedule is adopted.”

Mrs. Risa Palmer asked, “Does a 4 day schedule really produce cost savings?”

Mr. David McLendon answered, “The only cost savings are a reduction in utility bills and less hours for some non-salary employees. The real budget advantage, we believe, will happen in increased enrollment and better attendance.”

Mrs. Nancy McLendon stated, “I am concerned that losing a day a week with Title I students would not be beneficial and we need to do everything we can to ensure that Title I students attend on Fridays for at least the Title I portion of the day.”

Mrs. Risa Palmer asked, “Would bus routes run earlier?”

Mr. Scott Williamson answered, “No, school would only be starting five minutes earlier than now, so morning bus routes would remain the same.”

Mrs. Risa Palmer stated, “Fridays would be a good days to take field trips.”

Mr. Williamson asked, “Are there any more questions from the floor?”
No more questions.

H. Adopt 4 Day School Year and Calendar

Motion by David McLendon and second by Cardella Williamson to adopt the 4 day school year and calendar.

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I. Adjourn

Motion by Scott Williamson and second by Nancy McLendon to adjourn this Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M.

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Proposed 4 Day Schedule Information Sheet

During this last school year we were the only school in the Globe-Miami area to operate on a traditional five day per week schedule. Over the last two years as the other schools adopted four day schedules we made the decision to stay with a five day format. Our belief was that there was enough support in the community for a five day schedule to allow us to fill classrooms and maintain our budget at a workable level. This has proven to not be the case. Not only is enrollment down, but absenteeism on Friday's is almost twice as high as it is the rest of the week. This reduced enrollment and higher absenteeism along with other reductions in state and federal funding have put a significant strain on the school's budget. In the last two years we have used over two hundred thousand dollars from savings to meet this budget shortfall. Our savings are now exhausted and we must maintain at least our present funding levels to prevent cuts to staff and programs. We have had several more families express their intention to move their children to another school in the upcoming year if we do not adopt a four day schedule. We conducted a survey of our parents through letters sent home with the students and by contacting those who did not return the survey by telephone. By a three to one ratio parents chose a four day schedule over a five day schedule.

Therefore, in order to improve attendance, increase enrollment, reduce operating costs, and comply with the wishes of our students' parents we propose adopting a four day per week schedule. Kindergarten through Third Grade students would attend Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:37 pm. Fourth through Eighth Grade students would attend Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:37 pm. Kindergarten through Third Grade students who require after school tutoring would be allowed to ride the later bus home with the older students.

We believe it is important to not burden parents with the demands of finding childcare on Fridays. We also know that most students would benefit from attending school on Friday's. Therefore, Fridays are enhancement days. Students who need extra help, have failed tests, or have been absent during the week will attend Friday tutoring sessions. Children in the Title One Reading Program will also benefit greatly from attending on Friday's. All other students are encouraged, but not required, to come and participate in enhancement activities such as science projects, arts and crafts projects, choral groups, drama teams, puppet teams, computer and technology training, outdoor games, fitness classes, etc.

Friday hours are 8:00 am to 2:20 pm for all students. Morning bus route times are the same as Monday through Thursday. Afternoon routes will run fifteen minutes earlier than Monday through Thursday early routes. Lunch will be served at the same price as Monday through Thursday.