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| Charterholder Info | |
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| Charter Holder | Representative |
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| Contractual Days |
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| 180 |
| To 179 |
| Fiscal Year Effective Date 2014-2015 |
| Type of Change Temporary Change (possibly due to unforeseen circumstances) |

| Attachment |
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| Board Minutes —  Download File |
| School Calendar —  Download File |
| Daily Instructional Schedule —  Download File |
| Narrative —  Download File |
| Additional Information* No documents were uploaded. |

| Signature |
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| Charter Representative Signature John Penczar 10/16/2014 |

ACADEMY ADVENTURES MIDTOWN SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2014 – 4:00 PM

1) Meeting Called to Order at 4:07 PM

A meeting of the Academy Adventures Midtown School Governing Board, September 4, 2014, was called to order by Mr. John Penczar at 4:07 PM, at 3025 North Winstel, Tucson, AZ.

Present: Mr. John Penczar, present
Ms. Nikki Pitman, present
Ms. Carol Towner, present
Mr. Duane Wrobel, telephonically
Ms. Mary Ann Applegate, absent
Ms. Cathy Rex, absent

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Towner motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented for August 6, 2014.

Motion seconded by Mr. Wrobel

By a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, the meeting minutes were approved

3) Discussion and Approval of Paperwork for School Closure on September 18, 2014

Mr. Penczar discussed the school closure on September 18th due to the threats of Hurricane Odile causing possible flooding and extreme weather conditions in the Tucson area. For the health and safety of the children, Mr. Penczar made a last minute decision on Wednesday, September 17th to close the school on Thursday. Emails were sent to the Board members alerting them and Board members responded via email with their support to close the school on September 18th.

Mr. Penczar presented the Board members with paperwork required by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to amend the number of school days for the 2014-2015 school year. He explained the paperwork was to verify that Academy Adventures Midtown met all instructional minute requirements for grades K-5, even with one less day of instruction.

MOTION: Mr. Wrobel motioned to approve the paperwork for school closure on September 18, 2014.

Motion seconded by Ms. Pitman

By a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, the meeting minutes were approved

4) Review Staff Evaluation System and Have Board Vote to Continue Using this System

Mr. Penczar provided the Board with copies of the Teacher Evaluations used last year. These evaluations are based on the Mesa Public Schools use of the Danielson Model and meet the state requirements for Teacher Evaluations. The evaluations are done two (2)

times per year. Mr. Penczar visits each classroom and completes the multiple sections of the evaluation. Once the evaluation is complete, the scores for each area are tabulated to determine if a teacher is Highly Effective, Effective, Developing or Ineffective. If a teacher is Developing or Ineffective, a remediation plan is devised to help the teacher improve.

MOTION: Mr. Wrobel motioned to approve the continued use of the Staff Evaluation System.
Motion seconded by Ms. Towner

By a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, the meeting minutes were approved

5) Present and Review Self Readiness Assessment for Priority Schools for Board input and Acknowledgment

As a Priority School, Academy Adventures Midtown is required to complete and submit a Self Readiness Assessment (SRA). The SRA will be completed by staff submitted to the Arizona Department of Education. Staff present at the meeting had an opportunity to review the document and provide feedback. Copies will be emailed to Mr. Wrobel, Ms. Rex and Ms. Applegate for review. Mr. Wrobel will send back any comments via email and Ms. Rex and Ms. Applegate are invited to do the same.

Ms. Towner asked if the scores are compiled. Mr. Penczar responded that once the staff completes the SRA the scores will be compiled and averaged and a final grade will be entered for each section and submitted to ADE. This information is used to set the tone on what the school will work on for the next year with the specialist assigned to them by ADE.

No Action/Motion Needed
No Questions

6) Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5th at 4:00 PM.

7) Call To the Public for Comment

No Public Present

8) Adjournment of Meeting at 4:53 PM

MOTION: Ms. Towner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 PM.

Motion seconded by Mr. Penczar

By a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, the meeting was adjourned

Dated this 1st Day of October 2014


Mr. John Penczar
Superintendent

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NARRATIVE FOR TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL DAY CHANGE.

1. Describe the reason for the change in instructional days

To ensure the health and safety of students, Academy Adventures Midtown closed on Thursday, September 18, 2014, as a precaution based on the severe weather reports associated with Tropical Storm Odile and the possibility of flooding.

2. Identify the school site(s) affected

The school site affected was Academy Adventures Midtown (10-85-06-101)

3. Describe how the school calendar and daily instructional schedule(s) provided demonstrate compliance with A.R.S. §15-901 regarding annual instructional hours for each grade served

Academy Adventures Midtown instructional hours exceed the required instructional hours specified in A.R.S. §15-901 for Kindergarten – 5th Grade.

Instructional hours for FY15 for all grade levels at Academy Adventures Midtown is 1054.92 based on the original calendar of 180 days.

(Required: K=356, 1st – 3rd=712 & 4th – 5th= 890)

Instructional hours based on 179 days (not counting September 18, 2014) is 1048.83 for all grade levels.

Attached is a copy of the Instruction Hour Calculations and the Daily Schedule for all grade levels.