

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

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Contractual Days

0

To
175


Fiscal Year Effective Date
2014

Type of Change
Permanent Change

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Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Douglas Pike 04/30/2014

Minutes
Of The Governing Board Of
Pathfinder Academy
May 13, 2013 – 10:25 am
Location: 1460 South Horne, Mesa, Arizona

Pursuant of A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of Pathfinder Academy and to the General Public that the Governing Board of Edkey, Inc. - Pathfinder Academy will hold a special meeting open to the public on May 13, 2013 at 1460 S. Horne, Mesa, Arizona at 10:25 am

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Ron Neil called the meeting to order, roll call showed Ron Neil, Curt Cardine, Brad Miles, Amy Fraser, and Tony Rhineheart present, constituting a quorum
- II. Accept Agenda –Agenda was accepted as posted
- III. Discussion and possible action relative to the approval of the Edkey, Inc. – Pathfinder Academy Calendar and Bell Schedule for 2013-2014. After discussion a motion was made by Brad Miles to approve the 2013-2014 Calendar and Bell Schedule for Edkey, Inc. - Pathfinder Academy, Amy Fraser seconded the motion, a vote was called for and 5 Ayes were heard making the decision unanimous.
- IV. Adjournment –With no further business, the meeting was adjourned

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Minutes
Of The Governing Board Of
Pathfinder Academy
February 25, 2014 – 3:00PM
Location: 1460 South Horne, Mesa, Arizona

Pursuant of A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of Pathfinder Academy and to the General Public that the Governing Board of Pathfinder Academy will hold a special meeting open to the public on February 25, 2014 at 1460 S. Horne, Mesa, Arizona at 3:00PM.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call The meeting was called to order by Curt Cardine, , Amy Fraser, Brad Miiles, Tony Rhineheart and Curt Cardine were present and due to Mr Neil's death this constituted a quorum.
- II. Accept Agenda – The agenda was accepted as posted.
- III. Discussion and possible action relative to the approval of Edkey, Inc. –Pathfinder Academy-Sequoia Lehi calendars and bell schedules for 2013_2014 school year with Sequoia Lehi operating on a 5 day calendar versus the 4 day calendar of Edkey, Inc. - Pathfinder Academy. After discussion, Amy Fraser made a motion to approve the calendar and bell schedule for a 5 day week versus a 4 day week for Edkey, Inc., Sequoia Pathfinder-Sequoia Lehi site, Brad Miles seconded the motion, a vote heard 4 AYES and the motion was passed unanimously.
- IV. Discussion and possible approval to submit an Instructional Days Amendment to the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools to change permanently the days of school attended at Edkey, Inc. – Pathfinder Academy-Sequoia Lehi site only. After explanation as to the reason for the Amendment, Curt Cardine made a motion to complete and submit the Instructional Days Amendment as requested by the ASBCS, Tony Rhine heart seconded the motion, a vote heard 4 AYES and the motion was approved unanimously.
- V. Adjournment 3:27 PM

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Sequoia Lehi selected a 175 day calendar in response to a combination of factors; parent input, existing nearby schools, and staff comments. Edkey allows calendar selection by individual schools to reflect these factors as well as academic scheduling concerns. Those campuses employing four day a week calendars typically reflect populations with demographics that do not create large conflicts with parental schedules on Friday and have flexibility for campus access on Friday's to take advantage of enrichment opportunities.

Edkey assesses the calendar requests of its campuses through discussions with the impacted families and staff and compares the request to calendars of districts and charters in the area. The elimination of significant conflicts in start and end dates and fall and spring breaks eases family issues, particularly when our school does not serve all grade levels. Marketing is eased and attendance conflicts are reduced, assisting the school administration. Removal of potential attendance conflicts shows noticeable differences in overall attendance.

All calendars are assessed for the provision of the required instructional hours for each grade level. The current (and requested) calendar provides these hours. Sequoia Lehi is going to operate on this 5 day calendar but Pathfinder Academy will continue to operate on a 4 day calendar.

Though within the Pathfinder LEA, Sequoia Lehi's calendar was established independently. Notification of both ADE and the State Board did not occur as the startup of the school and the associated decisions at both our corporate office and the State Board were very late in the fiscal year. Our request for an amendment is based both on the reality of having practiced this calendar for most of the school year and the inputs initially noted (family, staff, and community). Lehi will continue to use a five day calendar.

The table below reflects the hours of education per year at Sequoia Lehi versus the State Requirement

Grade	Hours at Lehi	Hours Required by ADE
Kinder	902.27	356
1	960.25	712
2	945.71	712
3	1004.40	712
4-6	1004.40	890