

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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CHARTER MISSION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Esperanza Community Collegial Academy (CTDS) 078505000

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(City, State) Phoenix, AZ (Zip) 85032

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Change in mission / description

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Esperanza Community Collegial Academy (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: It is the mission of Esperanza Community Collegial Academy to create a small alternative learning community that provides an environment where students who have not been successful in mainstream schools are recognized and valued as individuals, and where they know that they are expected to achieve. We will ensure that our students have the opportunity and necessary support to fulfill their highest potential, regardless of previous problems including disruptive behavior, involvement in the juvenile justice system, lack of previous academic success, credit deficits, family obligations, difficult socio-economic circumstances or special needs. We expect to make student success a community affair, and to inspire the self-esteem, as well as impart the skills, for education beyond high school.

TO: It is the mission of Esperanza Community Collegial Academy to create a smaller learning community that provides an environment where students are recognized and valued as individuals, and where they know that they are expected to achieve. We will ensure that our students have the opportunity and necessary support to fulfill their highest potential, regardless of linguistic background, ethnicity, socio-economic circumstances or special needs. We expect to make student success a community affair, and to inspire the self-esteem, as well as impart the skills, for education beyond high school.

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 8th day of January, 2009, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ___ day of ___, 200___, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

Dorelyn A. Kunkel
Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

	<p style="text-align: right;">Esperanza School Board Meeting 802 North 7th Street Phoenix, AZ 85006 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</p>
<p>REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 7th, 2009</p>	
<p>Board Members Present: Dorelyn Kunkel Guadalupe Parra Salvador Reza Benita Sozanski</p>	<p>Board Members Absent: Maricela Barrera</p> <p>Public Present: Po-pe Enrique, Carlos Garcia, Tupac Enrique Acosta, Rafa Reyes, Oztoc Xiloyotl, Cynthia Mercure, Raquel Enrique, William Aguirre, Sylvia Herrera, Therese Arvizu</p> <p>Board Secretary: Jaqueline Perea-Gutierrez</p>
<p>Call to Public: no comments</p>	
<p>Meeting began at 6:33 P.M. <u>INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u> Director's Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Second Semester Enrollment 2 Garfield Site Update 3 Possible RDF Loan Modification 	<p>Salvador Reza called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and turned meeting over to Dorelyn Kunkel.</p> <p>Director's Update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our second semester enrollment to date stands at 61, but is still changing daily. 2. In the public tonight, there where about 10 people that where interested in the Garfield Site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Po-pe Enrique will be writing the math curriculum, and is forming a committee to write curriculum for other areas. -1st week of March is the deadline to submit amendments including curriculum (lesson plans) based on State Standards. We need one lesson for each subject in math, reading, and writing. -Weekly meetings are up to the curriculum committee. Ms. Kunkel will do narrative writing and relating of Esperanza's methods of instruction, but not the curriculum. - Esperanza is currently not accredited, although we are looking into being accredited by National Council of La Raza. -It was pointed out that we are performing plus, and that we have higher scores than the surrounding district high schools. 3. Ms. Kunkel is in receipt of an email from RDF where they state their concerns in regards to future enrollment assumptions. They want to ensure that the school is able to maintain current instructional quality while managing debt. There will be a conference call to discuss a possible loan modification. Also, they would like to have a possible meeting with the Board after the call. <p>Mr. Reza pointed out that RDF might be finding ways to</p>

	renegotiate our payment.
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 Approval of minutes of December 2008 Regular Board Meeting 	<p>Motion to move the approval of Minutes to be considered under Action Items was done by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Ms. Parra. Motion carried..</p>
<p>ACTION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 Approval of minutes of December 2008 Regular Board Meeting •2 Approval of November and December Budget Documents and Reports •3 Approval of Mission Statement Amendment 	<p>Motion to approve December 2008 minutes, as amended was made by Ms. Kunkel and seconded by Ms. Parra. Corrections were made during discussion. Motion carries to approve the December 2008 minutes as amended.</p> <p>Motion to approve November and December Budget document and Reports was made by Ms. Parra and seconded by Ms. Sozanski. Review and discussion of documents.</p> <p>Ms. Kunkel went on to say that bottom line, when it comes to our bills, payroll is pretty much consistent. This can only change if someone is fired. We have slightly more control when it comes to vendor expenses, although we have to pay utility bills, insurance payments and such.</p> <p>Mr. Reza asked if we get charged per number of people or by age of our employees by Blue Cross. Ms. Kunkel responded that it is a standard rate per person. It is about \$300 a month. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to approve amendment of mission statement was made by Ms. Sozanski and seconded by Ms. Kunkel.</p> <p>Discussion: Ms. Kunkel reviewed the history of the change. Our mission statement was changed last year as part of an application for alternative status, which was denied due to our not changing our online school report card. However, since we have been very successful with our current alternative population without obtaining official alternative status, we will not be applying again. Therefore it is important to return to our original mission statement, since it was our original intent to be able to serve a full range of students: All Board members in attendance expressed agreement. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>STUDY/ACTION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 By-law Revision, cont. 	<p>Motion to table By-law Revision till next month was made by Ms. Parra and seconded by Ms. Sozanski. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>Ms. Parra moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sozanski. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Meetings are to be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month.</p>

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.
Esperanza Community Collegial Academy

By _____
Jaqueline Perea-Gutierrez, Secretary, Governing Board