Enrollment Cap Notification Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
StarShine Academy

CTDS:
07-89-92-000

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3535 E McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85008
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Representative

Name:
Patricia McCarty

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Enrollment Cap

From:
366

To:
900

Attachments

Board Minutes — Download File

Additional Information*
No documents were uploaded.

Increase to Enrollment Cap Attachments

The following 2 attachments are only required if the enrollment cap is increasing.

Documentation that current facilities can accommodate requested capacity — Download File

Narrative describing the staffing changes and recruiting efforts that will be made to reach capacity — Download File

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Patricia McCarty 06/17/2014

StarShine Academy
3535 East McDowell Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85008
Phone: 602.957.9557

June 5, 2014

Dear Ms. Deanna Rowe,

Now that we have completed the expansion, construction, and renovation of our new facility at 3535 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85008, we request an increase of our enrollment cap to 900 over the next four years to better serve the families in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Year	Capacity	Students Per Grade
2014-2015	650	K-2: 120 3-5: 150 6-8: 130 9-12: 250
2015-2016	700	K-2: 140 3-5: 160 6-8: 140 9-12: 260
2016-2017	800	K-2: 170 3-5: 180 6-8: 160 9-12: 290
2017-2018	900	K-2: 200 3-5: 210 6-8: 200 9-12: 290

StarShine has hired certified and highly qualified education specialists to accommodate its expansion and programs, with a current staff total of forty. We only lost three teachers this year (one due to termination and two due to out-of-state moves).

StarShine Boot Camp is a yearly training that has been held each year prior to the start of school. This year, we are also conducting an end-of-year summer summit to reflect on the past year and plan in detail for the next year. In addition, continuous professional development is provided for three hours every Friday and for a full day at the beginning of each quarter to keep staff up to date on effective instructional strategies as well as integrating any new staff members.

StarShine Academy has a strong leadership team with the principal and Student Services Director returning next year. They are actively working with the staff to lead continuous improvement by engaging in collaborative curriculum mapping, assessment planning, and other elements of a school-

wide Professional Learning Community model. We have brought in education experts from MCESA, Lee Jenkins, Barbara Blackburn, and we are continuing to learn by attending conferences and reading and applying contemporary education research.

StarShine also achieved re-accreditation through AdvancED, NCA and CITA, the Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation during this year. The process for re-accreditation is quite rigorous, demanding student achievement of the highest degree as well as fiscal and facility management.

StarShine's financial projections support the outlined growth model present above. Additionally adequate financial reserves are maintained at all times to assure fiscal capacity.

Currently, StarShine has an enrollment of over 300 students and anticipates a growth rate to 650 students for the 2014-2015 school year, rising to 900 students by the 2017-2018 school year as our new facilities have attracted neighborhood interest and excitement. We have held and will continue to host numerous outreach events for various constituencies in our neighborhood to promote our school. The office is open daily to answer questions regarding enrollment and programs. Parent information nights are held throughout the year and the community is invited to attend all StarShine school activities.

We feel certain that we will be able to reach and accommodate an enrollment of 900 students over the next four years based on our experience during the past several years.

Sincerely,

Name: Patricia McCarty
Title: President

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA
JOINT MEETING OF THE CORPORATE AND GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STARSHINE ACADEMY
MINUTES
March 25, 2014 10:00 A.M.

Location:

StarShine Academy VIA TELECONFERENCE 712-432-7607 pin: 87087#
3535 E McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85008
602-957-9557

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.01 and 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the general public that the meeting of the **STARSHINE CORPORATE BOARD COMBINED WITH STARSHINE ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS** of StarShine Academy shall be held at the foregoing time and place to discuss and authorize action upon the following agenda items, but not limited to these items:

Re-Opening of StarShine Second School Site and
Request for CAP increase

1. Identification of Time, Place and Location of Meeting 10:03 a.m. 25 March 2014
   a. StarShine Academy VIA TELECONFERENCE 712-432-7607 pin: 87087
      3535 E McDowell Road
      Phoenix, AZ 85008

2. Roll call: Identification of Present and Absent Governing Board and Corporate Board Members: Those governing board present.
   a. School Governing Board

   - Kedrick Ellison-Emeritus-absent
   - Dr. Leonora Farrah Ketyer (now Dr. Leonora Ketyer)-present
   - Mia Martori-Emeritus-absent
   - Patricia McCarty-present
   - Dr. Marilyn Prosch-absent
   - Vernon Parker-present
   - Sherry Lund-present
   - Darlene Sibigtroth-present
   - Dr. James Goodman-present

   b. StarShine Corporate Board
   - Patricia McCarty- present
   - Vernon Swaback-present
   - Shep Gordon-Emeritus & Honorary-present

   c. Quorum Exists

3. Review and Approve minutes of January 16th, 2014 meetings of Board of Directors. Darlene Sibigtroth moved, Dr. James Goodman seconded. Motion carried.
4. Presentation for StarShine Academy to re-open its second site possibly at Sierra Vista, Arizona due to two charter school closings and displacement of approximately 450 students. Discussion and request to approve of second site re-opening StarShine Academy, specific site to be determined. Darlene Sibigtroth made motion to accept re-opening of second site, with discussions to be potentially Sierra Vista, but site to be determined. Dr. Leonora (Farrah) Ketyer seconded, motion carried.
5. Second site re-opening approved, motion carried.
6. Presentation for StarShine Academy to request an increase in capacity to 1500 students in order to accommodate present site at 3535 E McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85008 increased need to serve a higher population of K-12 students and to re-open its second site, possibly in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Darlene Sibigtroth made motion to increase enrollment cap to 1500, Dr. Leonora Ketyer seconded, motion carried to request from Arizona Charter Board to increase enrollment cap.
7. Call to public. None
8. Date of next Joint Meeting time and location. Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:00 pm AZ time Graduation to Follow
9. Adjourn

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, each Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to review, discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law. ***One or more members of the above mentioned Board may attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference from StarShine Academy.***

Dated and Posted this 25th day of March, 2014 By Trish McCarty, President, StarShine Academy

April 17, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the request of StarShine Academy to increase the enrollment cap, blue prints of the extended site were hand delivered to the Charter Board office on August 9, 2013. The size of the documents prohibits the upload on the Charter Board submission site. Hugh Thompson does have access to these documents to be used for this request for an increase in the enrollment cap for StarShine Academy and Joanna Medina did affirm that although the blueprints will be returned to StarShine Academy at a later date they are, in fact, on site at the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marge Salow