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DECREASE GRADE LEVELS OF CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Florence Crittenton Services of AZ (CTDS) 078608000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 715 West Mariposa Street

(City, State) Phoenix, Arizona (Zip) 85013

(Charter Representative's Name) Linda Volhein

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Decreasing grade levels served for charter

Included is the following:

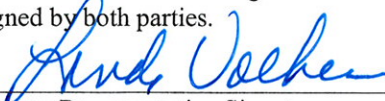
- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Rationale for decrease in grade levels served and effective date of change
- Narrative describing 1) the number of students displaced; 2) efforts taken by the school to provide students with options and assistance in enrolling in another school

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Florence Crittenton Services of AZ (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM GRADES SERVED: 6 - 12

TO GRADES SERVED: 9 - 12

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 8th day of November, 2010, 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.



Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools



Florence Crittenton

Crittenton Youth Academy Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Crittenton Youth Academy School Board was held Monday, November 8, 2010 at Crittenton Youth Academy, Classroom 200, 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Rona Kasen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Rhonda Baugh served as recording secretary. Those in attendance include:

Directors Present: Rona Kasen, Melissa Baffert, Carole McManus, Cathy Hardwick, Dan Green,
Julie McCollum, Mike Olsen and Oonagh Boppart

Directors Absent: (none)

Staff: Linda Volhein, Yvonne Watterson, Jennifer Miller, and Rhonda Baugh

Guest(s): Linda Goodwin (parent)

Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was adopted as published.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- A call to the public was made and there were no comments or concerns from the public.

Consent Agenda for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

- Rona Kasen called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2010 board meeting. Motion by Oonagh Boppart; seconded by Julie McCollum to approve the October 15, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.
- Discussion held regarding best day of the week for school board meetings. Next school board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.
- Rhonda Baugh reviewed the Income Statement through September 30, 2010.

Program Manager's Report for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

- Jennifer Miller presented updated 'Academy Transition Status Report and Project Timeline'. Discussion regarding the timing of involvement of the Marketing Committee in recruitment efforts and publicity of the Girls Leadership Academy. Ms. Miller stated that the focus has shifted to an inside-out approach (girls who plan to continue at the academy will generate outside referrals) and strong academics. Currently, recruitment efforts are concentrated in local schools and through AZ Quest for Kids that supports students' goals for a college education.
- Linda Volhein stated that the focus is in three areas: 1) to meet student needs; 2) meet residential student needs; and 3) provide a rigorous education at the academy.

- Yvonne Watterson reported that Parental Engagement will be enhanced with the programs of Stand for Children and American Dream Academy.
- Dan Green, chairman of the Marketing Committee, suggested that the committee create branding necessary for recruitment efforts beginning in January.

Academic Officer's Report for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Yvonne Watterson presented six charter amendments that require approval:

- Motion by Dan Green, seconded by Cathy Hardwick to approve an amendment to change the name from Crittenton Youth Academy to Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona. Motion carried.
- Motion by Oonagh Boppart, seconded by Julie McCollum to approve the following Mission statement:

Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Mission Statement

We will provide young women an opportunity to achieve high school and college academic success simultaneously, while nurturing self-confidence and developing leadership skills in an academically rigorous environment.

Motion carried.

- Motion by Oonagh, seconded by Julie McCollum to approve the Program of Instruction with emphasis on early college access and leadership focus. Motion carried.
- Motion by Carole McManus, seconded by Melissa Baffert to change the Charter Representative from William Bressler to Yvonne Watterson. Motion carried.
- Motion by Carole McManus, seconded by Melissa Baffert to change Grade Levels served from grades 6-12 to 9-12. Motion carried.
- School governance within the charter will be amended to include current school board members.

Superintendent's Report for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

Linda Volhein reviewed the benefits and costs of the Arizona State Retirement System. Although there would be additional cost, the ability to attract quality teachers would be enhanced creating cost savings in the future.

Motion by Mike Olsen, seconded by Oonagh to approve school employee participation in the Arizona State Retirement System effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A call for a motion to adjourn was made by Rona Kasen at 6:50 p.m. Motion by Mike Olsen, seconded by Oonagh Boppart. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rhonda Baugh
Business Manager



Florence Crittenton

Where Hope Comes to Life

Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona, Inc. requests a reduction in the grade levels served by its charter for the 2011-2012 academic year. The charter is currently approved for grades 6 -12, and we are requesting that Grades 6 – 8 be removed.

Rationale for the decrease in grade levels served and effective date of change:

Historically, enrollment in the 6th – 8th has been low, with no students enrolled for some years. This can be attributed to the fact that there already exist many public and charter options for 6th – 8th graders in the community. During the 2010 – 2011 academic year, the charter school enrolled no sixth grade students nor did it receive requests for enrollment for the sixth grade. The charter school has enrolled 3 seventh grade students and .

The effective date for change would be the 2011-2012 school year starting July 1, 2011.

Narrative describing 1) the number of students displaced; 2) efforts taken by the school to provide students with options and assistance in enrolling in another school.

We anticipate no hardship in removing the 6th grade since there has been no demonstrated community interest in enrolling 6th grade students. We have had only 3 seventh graders enroll with no intents to enroll for the second semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. We plan to transition the 11 8th graders into the charter's 9th grade.

For the remainder of the 2010-2011 academic year, the charter intends to enroll no additional 6th -8th graders and to assist 7th grade families in finding an appropriate school to complete 8th grade. Should we receive enrollment requests for 6th – 8th graders, we will provide assistance in locating another charter or district school to best meet the needs of the student.