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CHARTER GRADE LEVEL AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Laveen Preparatory School-A Challenge Academy (CTDS) 078550000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 4300 North Miller Road, Suite 141

(City, State) Scottsdale, Arizona (Zip) 85251

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Adding grade levels served for charter

Included are the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative describing how the additional grades support the philosophy, methods of instruction, special emphasis, and mission of the charter
- Mastery of coursework for additional grades
- Expected student performance on state mandated tests at all grade levels impacted by the addition
- Timeline for implementation
- Changes in staffing to support the requirements for Highly Qualified.

For K-8

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State Academic Standards and to the methods of instruction described in the charter:

- Math - A completed curriculum sample template including all required attachments as outlined on the template attached.
- Language Arts - A completed curriculum sample template, for both reading and writing, including all required attachments as outlined on the template attached.

For 9-12

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State Academic Standards and to the methods of instruction described in the charter:

- Math - A math course description and a completed curriculum sample template including all required attachments as outlined on the template (template is available on the ASBCS website).
- Language Arts - A language arts course description and a completed curriculum sample template, for both reading and writing, including all required attachments as outlined on the template (template is available on the ASBCS website).
- Graduation requirements (number of credits in each content area and electives)
- Course level proficiency required for credit and acceptance of transfer credit

Decreasing grade levels served for charter

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)
- Rationale for decrease in grade levels served and effective date of change

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Laveen Preparatory School-A Challenge Academy (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: K-8

TO: A temporary reduction in grade levels served to K-2 for the 2009-2010 school year and a return to serving grades K-8 from the 2010-2011 school year forward.

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 28th day of April, 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.

Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Laveen Preparatory School, a Challenge Academy (doing business as Pioneer Preparatory School, A Challenge Foundation Academy) has designed and is constructing a new, 60,000 square foot school facility at 67th Avenue and Indian School Road in Phoenix, Arizona. Because of delays in procuring the land, city permitting and construction schedules, the new school facilities will not be available until the 2010-2011 school year. In the interim, Pioneer Prep has leased facilities, directly across the street, in the Maryvale Boys & Girls Club. The leased facilities will only permit four classrooms. The board of directors has chosen to limit enrollment to grades K-2 to accommodate the leased facilities and provide a more cohesive educational program. However, when the new facilities come "on line" in the 2010-2011 school year, Pioneer Prep will be able to serve approximately 600 students in grade levels K-8.

**Laveen Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy dba
Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy**

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Held at the offices of Beus Gilbert, 4800 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Board Members Present: Terry Warren, Clint Bolick, Steve Bryan, Bill Imparato, Jason Klonoski, Joan Lange, Cheryl Reinstadler, BJ Steinbrook

Board Members Absent: Sally Rudd

Also Present: Tony Best, School Director

The meeting was called to order by Terry Warren at 4:06pm and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BJ Steinbrook moved, Clint Bolick seconded and it was unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as stated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joan Lange moved, Bill Imparato seconded and it was unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 23rd, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jason Klonoski advised that the account balance is \$27,813.26.

BJ Steinbrook reviewed the meeting of the Finance Committee with Tisha Crisler, which took place prior to the board meeting. He advised that she will continue to do the bookkeeping services for the school and will assist in the necessary IRS filings. Internal controls, vendor accounts and the finalization of a budget were also discussed.

Steve Bryan gave the building committee report and advised that progress was being made with the design team and weekly meetings are occurring with Jason Klonoski in attendance. Steve is also moving ahead with the process of applying for New Market Tax Credits for the new building.

Joan Lange spoke of the value of having Michelle Thompson available to assist Tony Best in the start up of the school.

Cheryl Reinstadler reported on the luncheon provided by the Challenge Foundation on April 13th at the Boys & Girls Club and the contacts made as a result. (CPLC and YMCA). Liz Imparato and Cheryl have advised Tony Best that they will be available to help with staff interviews as they approach.

There was discussion regarding the grade levels to be served for the 2009-2010 school year.

Cheryl Reinstadler moved to limit the recruitment and enrollment to Grades K-2 for the school year of 2009/10, with the return to Grades K-8 enrollment in the 2010/2011 school year. BJ Steinbrook seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Tony Best outlined his report (att.). The calendar, new staff hiring, salary schedules, vendor contracts, and the operations report were discussed.

Joan Lange moved to approve the hiring of Liz Ogden as a Classroom Teacher and Vanessa Jiminez as a Secretary. BJ Steinbrook seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Several SIS systems were discussed, along with IT services. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

REGULATORY ISSUES

Terry Warren reviewed the change of the Charter representatives, the final approval of all board members except Steve Bryan and the address changes.

After discussion of the corporate name change, it was moved by Clint Bolick, seconded by BJ Steinbrook and unanimously approved to change the corporate name to: Challenge Foundation Academies of Arizona, Inc.

BJ Steinbrook moved, Clint Bolick seconded and it was unanimously approved to file the trade name of: Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy with the Secretary of State.

The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws were discussed. No action was taken.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26th at the offices of Beus Gilbert.

ADJOURN

BJ Steinbrook moved and Jason Klonoski seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.