

AGENDA ITEM: Camp Verde Unified School District - Camp Verde World School Application Overview

Camp Verde Unified School District submitted an application for a new charter school on July 31, 2008.

- The Camp Verde Unified School District is a Public School District organized in 1915 for the purpose of providing PK-12 education in Camp Verde.
- The name of the school is Camp Verde World School and will be located in Camp Verde, Arizona.
- The applicant will serve grades K-3 and have an enrollment cap of 76 in the first three years of operation.
- The applicant has met the substantive eligibility criteria as documented in the following pages and in the [attached scoring rubric](#).
- Fingerprint clearance cards and background information including credit, employment and education have been reviewed.
- All Camp Verde Unified School District schools have an AZ LEARNS profile of Performing or better.

CVUSD dba Camp Verde World School	
Instructional Program	
Mission	The mission of the Camp Verde World School is to provide an inquiry-based education that encourages students to utilize their creativity, enthusiasm, and intellect to become confident, culturally-sensitive, critical thinkers.
Description of Community and Target Market	Camp Verde is located in North Central Arizona and has a population of approximately 13,170 people. The school district includes the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The District serves approximately 1,445 students in grades K-12. The target population are students currently residing within district boundaries whose parents are seeking an International Baccalaureate based curriculum and instruction in Mandarin Chinese.
Methods of Instruction	Teachers will utilize the inquiry-based model of instruction for the majority of learning opportunities.
School Calendar	Standard 180 day schedule
Organizational Structure	
Corporate Principals	Amy Romero, Steve King, Steve Hicks, Linda MacPhee
Governing Body	5 members from the District School Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Simbric, Kelli Spleiss, Dennis Sterrett, Linda MacPhee, Andrea Wrubel
Site Information	
Location	Camp Verde Elementary School 200 Camp Lincoln Dr., Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Secured Facility	3,800 total sq. ft.: Four classrooms (900 sq. ft. each) and one office (200 sq. ft.)

Year	Grades Served	# of Students	# of Sites
1	K-3	76	1
2	K-3	76	1
3	K-3	76	1

The following information is being provided for consideration:

Applicant’s Background Information:

1. Although Camp Verde School District is the applicant, the members of the district governing board would not complete the documentation required for the principals of an applicant. In an effort to comply with the application requirements, the applicant identified a “corporate board” comprised of the three charter representatives of the three applications submitted by the District plus a current member of the District’s Governing Board. Background information was processed for these individuals. The corporation has four members, with one member serving on the governing board.
 - Amy Romero has taught in the District for 13 consecutive years and has expertise in curriculum development and educational leadership. Mrs. Romero holds a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Romero has worked with ADE on the articulated science standards and AIMS tests, she serves on the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce Executive Board of Directors and is a co-founder and board member of the Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (Siena).
 - Steve King currently serves as the principal of South Verde High School in Camp Verde. He has 10 years of teaching experience and five years of administrative experience. In addition to his K-12 endorsement, he also has a standard Adult Education endorsement. Mr. King has a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Mr. King has been a teacher at Sunnyside Montessori, a currently operating charter school in Camp Verde, and Pathways School, another Camp Verde charter school that closed in 2006.
 - Steven P. Hicks is the Authorized Representative for the dual language school and will serve as the English Language Learner Coordinator for CVUSD. Mr. Hicks holds a Master’s Degree in Intercultural Communications from Wheaton Graduate School in Illinois. Mr. Hicks spent 17 years living and teaching in Latin America and has served as an Adjunct Professor for Yavapai Community College for the last two years. Mr. Hicks will remain an employee of CVUSD and his services will be billed to the charter school.
 - Linda MacPhee sits on the Camp Verde School District Governing Board and will have no day-to-day responsibilities related to the operation of the charter school. Ms. MacPhee was employed for 18 years as a special education teacher in the Beaver Creek School District in Rimrock, Arizona. Ms. MacPhee has a Public Administration Degree from the University of Arizona and a Post Graduate Degree in Education from Prescott College.
2. The AZ LEARNS profiles and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations for the existing campuses under the Camp Verde Unified School District are as follows:

School Name	AZ LEARNS	AYP
Camp Verde Elementary School	Performing	Not Met (SI Year 1)
Camp Verde Middle School	Performing Plus	Met
Camp Verde High School	Performing	Met
South Verde Middle High	Performing	Met

New Charter Application Background:

Comprehensive Program of Instruction/Curriculum

Short description:

The long-term goal of Camp Verde World School is to become a candidate for authorization as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program school. The structured inquiry-based approach to

teaching and learning will enable student to build on prior knowledge and involve them in relevant learning experiences. The philosophy for Camp Verde World School is that international and cultural understanding and respect are integral to the development of well-balanced, open minded, and critical thinkers. Foreign language will be promoted at the school as well. It is the goal of the school to provide instruction in Chinese.

The application fails to meet the minimum requirements in the following area of the Program of Instruction:

1. Area 1.2b: Strategic Plan for Student Performance Goals
 - The description of the process for evaluation, revision and addition of new goals over time is unclear/insufficient.

Business Plan/Budget

Short description:

The Camp Verde Unified School District is a public school district organized in 1915. Camp Verde Unified has a long history having provided PK-12 education in Camp Verde for ninety-three years. The District operated a main campus with an elementary, middle and high school; a leased facility for a second high school in downtown, and owns an undeveloped 80-acre site for future growth.

There are five members of the Governing Board for the District. They are elected by the community and staggered for four year terms. The Governing Board shall act as the controlling and decision making authority for the schools. The Charter Corporate Board shall have the authority to make recommendations to the District Governing Board. The principals of the schools will report to the Charter Corporate Board.

Camp Verde Unified School District plans to house this school within their existing elementary campus built in 2000. The facility holds 618 students with a capacity for 762. The applicant has designated the Base Level Support for those students who attended the district school previously as operating revenue. All start-up costs will be recorded as district expenditures.

The business section has one area that does not meet the scoring criteria. The following area remains deficient:

1. Area 2.9f: Funding Formula Projections
 - The revised application does not accurately represent the state equalization for which the school would be entitled as a Charter Board sponsored school.

Motion Notes for Camp Verde Unified School District dba Camp Verde World School:

- The application includes all required curriculum samples to operate a K-3 program.
- The application meets the scoring criteria in the Program of Instruction section and the Business Plan.