

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

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Contractual Days

180

To
178


Fiscal Year Effective Date
FY15

Type of Change
Temporary Change (possibly due to unforeseen circumstances)

Attachment

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

School Calendar –  [Download File](#)

Daily Instructional Schedule –  [Download File](#)

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Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Delmer Geesey 10/02/2014

LEAD Charter Schools Governing Board Meeting

(Leading Edge Academy Gilbert, Gilbert Early College, Leading Edge Academy East Mesa,
Leading Edge Online Academy)

August 27, 2014, 10:00 am

633 E. Ray Road, Ste 132, Gilbert, AZ 85296

MINUTES

All items on this Agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:10 am

ROLL CALL: Delmer Geesey, Joey Bilbrey, Candy Body, Vicky Hallam, Rick Howard

PRESENT: Delmer Geesey, Candy Body, Vicky Hallam, Rick Howard (10:20 am)

ABSENT: Joey Bilbrey

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Body

It was noted that a quorum was present and that no public was present.

1. Director's Report

a. Minutes from the July 10, 2014 Meeting

Minutes were distributed for review after the July 10, 2014 Governing Board meeting. No changes were made.

b. Financial Snapshot

The Financial Snapshot is a summary of the financial reports that the Corporate Board reviews and approves. Currently, the financials look concerning, but upon review are solid and as anticipated. There was no revenue for LEAD Charter Schools received for August for the Gilbert campuses, due to the new campus move/start dates and deadlines (August 15th State deadline, School started August 19th). Financials show -\$320,939. It's possible that the September State Equalization will also not be received for the Gilbert schools. The dollars will be caught up eventually (October at the latest). The Financial Snapshot shows State Equalization for the current month and the Revenue & Expense from the previous month.

Candy motioned to accept the financials, as presented. Delmer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

c. Gilbert Campus Opened August 19, 2014

Things are going smoothly at the new campus. A Grand Opening Celebration is being planned for late September. It will be combined with a parent-teacher night.

d. 2014-2015 Enrollment Update

(Rick Howard joined the meeting at 10:20 am)

Enrollment data for the 2013-2014 school year, target for 2014-2015, and 2014-2015 actual was reviewed. Numbers are solid. Slightly up as a whole for the LEAD Charter network. As of the date of the report was distributed, network growth was up 7.67%.

2. Student Achievement Review (State Issued Labels)

Formula for Elementary Grades 3, 4, 5:

Students who take AIMS (Reading and Math) and pass = 50% of the label

Student growth – How well a student grew that year compared to State growth rates 25% of the label, plus 25% of the label from how well every student grew from the bottom 25% of students

Formula for High School Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10:

Students who take AIMS (Reading and Math) and pass = 33% of the label

Points tied to graduation rate = 17% of the label

Student growth – How well a student grew that year compared to State growth rates 25% of the label, plus 25% of the label from how well every student grew from the bottom 25% of students

a. Gilbert Elementary – School Letter Grade B

b. Gilbert Early College – School Letter Grade A

c. East Mesa – School Letter Grade B

Gilbert Elementary maintained its letter grade and the same exact point value standing from last year, and Gilbert Early College moved up a letter grade. East Mesa slipped from an A to a B. The Principal is collecting data and will meet with the Executive Director to review and set a plan in place for where (and how) to focus academic improvement for this school year. Their growth last year in the bottom 25% was low at East Mesa.

All schools are using Galileo and the two Gilbert schools are a part of the Quality Schools Program. Teachers are trained how to use these tools to differentiate students and focus on areas of need.

3. Online Academy Student Handbook

The Online Academy used the GEC Student Handbook as a template and edited, as needed for items that are “online-specific.” It was distributed to the Board for review prior to this meeting.

It was requested to have more time to review and put back on the September Agenda for approval.

Vicky motioned to table the approval of the Online Academy Student Handbook until September for more time to review. Delmer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

Due to unavoidable construction delays at the new Gilbert campus, there was a late start for Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Elementary and Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College. For these two schools, the first day of school was actually on August 19th, instead of August 5th (a delay of ten days), which necessitates an adjustment to the school calendar. The other LEAD Charter School calendar for Leading Edge Academy East Mesa would not be affected by this delay in start date. Several options were discussed for making up the days, including: going until June 4th or 5th, going to school on all Spring holidays, and ending on May 29th (taking away four of the current calendar holidays).

After discussion, the Board felt that it was important to end in May, as it is believed that June school days would incur high absenteeism. It was felt that four specific holidays would have the least negative impact on students, if they were full school days (January 5th, April 3rd, April 27th, and May 25th). However, they felt it important to still give off Civil Rights Day/MLK and President’s Day. It was also felt important not to change any of the Fall semester days off, as too many schedules and family plans have already been set.

Based on discussion and consensus, the attached calendar with an ending date of May 29, 2015 was deemed in the best interest of the students by the Board. It was noted that it only contains 178 days. As such, the Board thoroughly reviewed the hours of classroom instruction for all grades and classes to be assured that the State’s minimum requirements were met or exceeded. Analysis confirmed that they were.

Delmer motioned to move forward with the calendar presented (and attached), as the Board has thoroughly reviewed the minutes of classroom instruction and verified that the minimum requirement has been met. Rick seconded. Motioned carried 4-0.

5. Auditor Recommendation and Selection

The Corporate Board selects the auditor for charter.

6. Governing Board Declarations of Curricular Alignment

The Governing Board is required to assure that the Arizona State Standards are being taught and evaluated. The Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the AZ Academic Standards was distributed for review. Ron presented the Leading Edge State Standards Assurance Policy.

Additionally, it was proposed that a policy be made that Principals submit Instructional Schedules by Grade for review within three weeks of school starting.

Vicky motioned to accept to the Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment and that the added policy of Principals submitting Instructional Schedules by Grade within three weeks of school starting. Delmer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Rick signed the Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment as a Governing Board member, and Delmer signed as a Charter administrator.

7. Next Meeting Dates:

Recurring meeting dates were set for the third Thursday as each month at 2:30 pm, at the Network Office. The next meeting will be on September 18th.

8. Adjournment

Delmer motioned to adjourn time 11:35 am. Vicky seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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LEAD Charter School is requesting a temporary adjustment in instructional days from 180 instructional days to 178 instructional days for the 2015 school year. This change is only requested for the Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Elementary and Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College campuses. The request is being made for the following reasons:

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Sincerely,

Delmer Geesey
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