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ADDING GRADE LEVELS TO CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School (CTDS) 078571000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 3015 S. Power Road

(City, State) Mesa, AZ (Zip) 85212

(Charter Representative's Name) William Coats

(Phone Number) 602.953.2933 (Fax Number) 602.277.4900

**Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.**

**Adding grade levels served for charter**

Included are the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative that 1) provides background and support for expansion; 2) how the additional grades support the philosophy, methods of instruction, special emphasis, and mission of the charter
- Timeline for implementation
- Proficiency level required for credit and/or promotion and credit transfer policies

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.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

**FROM SERVING GRADES: K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**TO SERVING GRADES: K thru 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 6th day of May, 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.

  
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Charter Representative Signature

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Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools



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**MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF:**

EL DORADO PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
MAYA PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
SKYVIEW PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMIT PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
TEMPE ACCELERATED PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

AND

GILBERT ARTS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LIBERTY ARTS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MONTEZUMA PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SOUTH POINTE PUBLIC CHARTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTH POINTE PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE: Thursday, May 6, 2010

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 7878 N. 16TH STREET  
SUITE 150  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85020

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

11:30 a.m.

**ATTENDEES**

BILL COATS WAS PRESENT

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**ACTION ITEM I**

**Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request**

For: Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School

Adding Grade Level: 7th

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

**ACTION ITEM II**

**Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request**

For: Vista Grove Preparatory Academy Public Charter Middle School

Adding Grade Level: 9th

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

**ACTION ITEM I**

**Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Request**

For: Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School

Adding Grade Level: 7th

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS



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**ACTION ITEM II      Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Request**

For: Vista Grove Preparatory Academy Public Charter Middle School

Adding Grade Level: 9th

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

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**REPORTS AND INFORMATION (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)**

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**\*PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

\*INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY ARE ASKED TO SIGN THE SPEAKERS' ROSTER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.

## Liberty Arts Academy

2010-2011

Liberty Arts Academy is submitting an amendment to add grade 7 to the currently served grades of K through 6 for the 2010 - 2011 school year. This is a request made by the parents due to the fact that they would like their children to remain in an elementary setting instead of moving into the junior high school setting.

Liberty has room to add an additional grade level as the school is designed to educate 375 students. During the year 2009-2010 there were six unused classrooms and the average enrollment on the 100th day was 153 students. Liberty Arts Academy has sufficient room to grow and will do so by adding a grade per year as well as increasing the number of students per grade level.

The added grade level will not change our mission or focus but will simply increase our impact on students by retaining our sixth grade students for another year. The method of instruction and educational philosophy will remain consistent with that stated in the charter application. The seventh grade class will be a self contained class with a teacher who has an elementary certification

Grade promotion and retention will be determined by multiple criteria which may include the following: standards-based assessment data, social/emotional growth, attendance, evidence of a disability, ELL status. All parents/guardians will be notified throughout the year on their student's performance in all of the above mentioned areas. Proficiency levels for content mastery in all academic subject areas will be:

E = 90-100% = Exceeds

M = 65-89% = Meets

A = 55-64% = Approaches

F = 54% and below = Falls Far Below

Students who fall far below in content mastery in multiple academic subject areas may be considered for retention. At the end of the year, a culminating meeting is held with parents/guardians of those students at risk of failure to discuss possible retention. If/when parents/guardians decline the recommendation of retention of their student, the student will be promoted with the continued opportunity of tutoring as well as continued placement in the school's Response to Intervention program. Parents/guardians will also be encouraged to enroll their student in a summer school academic enrichment program.

Our short term growth plan is to add 7th grade for the 2010/2011 school year. We will meet with parents during the 2011 school year to determine the need to add an 8th grade for the 2012 school year.