

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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CHARTER MISSION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Mountain English Spanish Academy a Public Charter School (CTDS) 038703000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 2575 E. 7th Avenue

(City, State) Flagstaff, AZ (Zip) 86004

(Charter Representative's Name) Richard C. Farmer

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Change in mission / description

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Mountain English Spanish Academy a Public Charter School (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: The mission of the Spanish/English Dual Language program is to provide all participants The Power of Two. The Power of Two is the ability to: (1) understand, speak, read, write, and think in two languages; and (2) interact and communicate effectively in multicultural settings. Children who have acquired the Power of Two will be well prepared to meet the global challenges of the Twenty-first Century.

TO: "MESA offers an alternative education grounded in research-based best practices to serve a culturally diverse population confronting academic challenges. The school respects the individual need of children, fosters a caring and safe environment and emphasizes the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child."

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 12th day of May, 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.

[Signature]
Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Board Approved; Amended Mission Statement for the Mountain English Spanish Academy, A public Charter School, Inc.

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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MOUNTAIN ENGLISH SPANISH ACADEMY
A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.**

**Tuesday July 14th, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.
MESA, 2575 E. 7th Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ. 86004**

Minutes

PRELIMINARY

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Gerald Wood via Skype.

Roll Call,

Present: Laura Sujomontes, Gerald Wood, Karen Schairer

Absent: Gary Pearlmutter, Guy Senese

Guests: PJ Weihing, Richard Farmer

Laura moved and Karen seconded adoption of the agenda as submitted. The motion passed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC –

There was no public present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from board meeting held on June 17th, 2009
2. Approval of offer letters for Martha Anderson, Maria Jensen; Chelsea Shinker; Dr. Richard C. Farmer
3. Adoption of the 2009 – 2010 Budget approved at last Board Meeting
Gerald Wood, attending via Skype, authorized Laura SujoMontes to sign the Budget Approval forms for him in his physical absence.

Gerald moved, Karen seconded acceptance of consent items 1, 2, 3. The motion passed.

4. Approval of vending machine for school foyer (Healthy Snacks only)
Discussion: Gerald moved delaying the discussion of item 4, approval of vending machine, until the August meeting to give Marie Jensen, teacher, the opportunity to give input. The motion was seconded and passed.

ACTION ITEMS – Items for consideration, discussion, direction, and possible approval

1. Discussion and approval of the Charter Mission Amendment Change Form
Gerald moved and Laura seconded that the MESA Mission Statement, approved May 12, 2009 and published on the ADE website, be sent to the Charter School Board on the Charter Mission Amendment Change Form. The motion passed.
2. Discussion and approval of the **Program of Instruction Amendment Change Request Form**
Vision statement: "Alternative education for the success of all students at the Mountain Spanish English Academy."
[Do we need to attach a copy of the final form?]
Karen moved and Laura seconded approval of the Program of Instruction Amendment Change Request Form. The motion passed.

Items 3 & 4 below were tabled until the August meeting.

3. Model for this year's classroom; teacher/principal, aids – Expeditionary element

4. Summer program dates, program and expectations (Kristy with Plato to attend and present to parents what Plato is about and how it is going to benefit the students)

Discussion Items: Tabled until the August meeting

1. Scope and Sequence for the new Curriculum

PRESENTATIONS

Executive Director's report

Review of Financials for upcoming start:

We now have (20) confirmed re-starts for the August 13th start date. Our new display ad in the monthly Que Pasa newspaper started on the 1st of July and will run through 31 August 2009. The owner is giving us a huge discount and also putting us up front in the paper with a ¼ page ad. This exposure will give us excellent coverage in the community. Martha is forecasting a total of 40+ students and is scheduling two separate recruiting events on the same day; 1 August a booth at the Immunization Clinic Kings and then a booth at the back packing event in the mall area here at the school, sponsored by the Lamb of God churches.

Status on new Teachers/Aids

We have finalized our selections for Lead Teacher (Maria Jensen) and Teacher Assistant (Chelsea Shinker); Gerald and I are now working with them to begin planning for the August start. Such things that are being discussed are clock hours, goals for the year, quarters and weekly lesson planning. The team that is being formed is very energetic and excited about the new curriculum approach and the expeditionary portion of the curriculum as well. I will be working with the Lead teacher on various admin duties so that down the road she can be handed off with Principal duties.

Status on Plato's implementation

The (25) new computers and hardware have now been delivered and wiring is scheduled to begin after the 4th Holiday. Gerald and I have agreed on the classroom layout and with the computers being installed with remote wireless capabilities, it will make for a user friendly environment. We will be keeping three or four of the older computers for staff and teachers, the remainder computers are being collected by Merit, the company installing the new systems. Heather to be given a list of old assets being donated and list of new assets obtained for accounting purposes.

2. Board may choose to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues
There was no call for an executive session.

CLOSING ITEMS

Agenda items for next meeting

1. Model for this year's classroom; teacher/principal, aids – Expeditionary element
2. Summer program dates, program and expectations (Kristy with Plato to attend and present to parents what Plato is about and how it is going to benefit the students)
3. Discussion Items: Scope and Sequence for the new Curriculum

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Laura moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:06. Karen seconded the motion and it passed.

Agenda to be posted by: Monday, August 17th, 2009