

AGENDA ITEM: Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request – Park View Schools, Inc.- Park View Middle School

**Issue**

On May 23, Park View Schools, Inc. (PVS), a non-profit entity, submitted a complete Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment request, adding grade 11 to the charter which currently authorizes PVS to serve grades 6-10.

**Background**

PVS was granted a charter in 1998. It operates 1 school: Park View Middle School (PVMS, serves grades 6-10 in Prescott Valley since 1999). The current enrollment cap is 400. According to ADE, current enrollment was 246 on the 100<sup>th</sup> day in FY12.

**Adding Grade Levels to Charter**

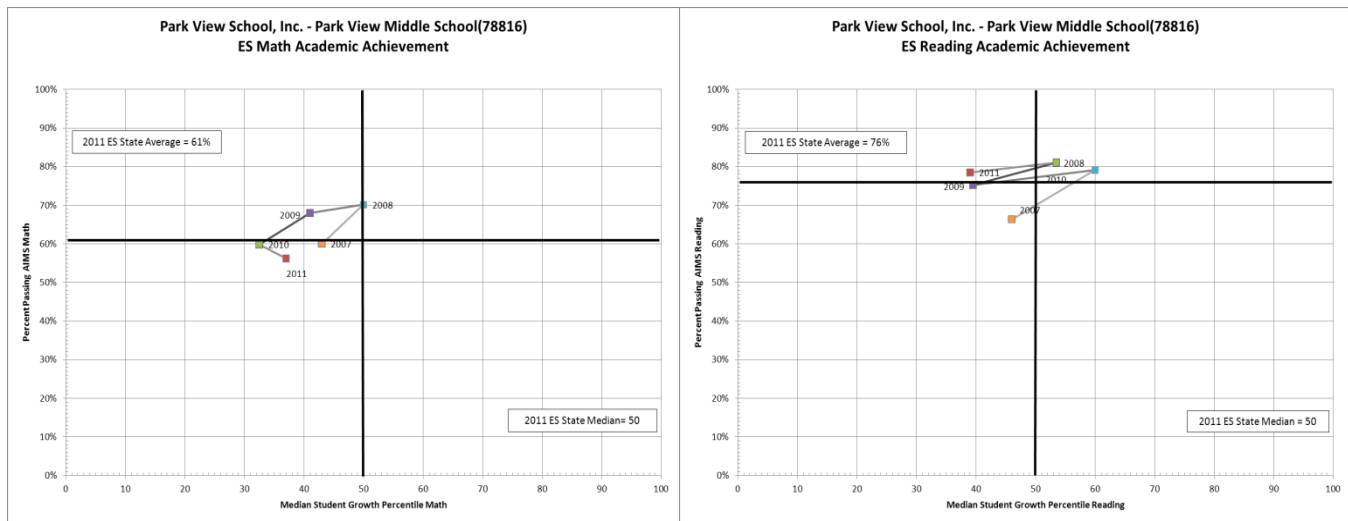
The narrative for the request states that, “Last year, the school added grades nine and ten in response to parent requests to add a high school... The rationale for adding the grade level is to provide continuity to the students who are matriculating at Park View from tenth grade to eleventh grade... The addition of this grade level supports our mission by allowing our students to continue to receive a quality education and acquire the skills needed for their postsecondary education.”

According to the timeline submitted by PVS, from June – August, PVS will interview and hire highly qualified instructors and create curriculum guides for the additional grade level.

The Board’s July consent agenda includes consideration of an increase in instructional days and a change in the charter mission. PVS will increase their instructional days from 144 to 180.

**Eligibility**

As stated in Board policy, prior to a charter school being placed on an agenda, staff conducts a compliance check as part of the amendment approval process. This included a review of whether PVMS met or demonstrated sufficient progress toward the Board’s level of adequate academic performance (LAAP) based on 2011 academic data.



The graphs indicate that PVMS did not meet LAAP in either Math and Reading, with growth scores in Reading more than one standard deviation below the median (-1 SD = 41, PVMS = 39). PVMS was labeled Performing Plus and received a C rating in 2011.

**Board Options:**

Option 1: The Board may approve the addition of grade 11 to the charter of Park View Schools, Inc. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today that the Board approve to add grade 11 to the charter of Park View Schools, Inc.

Option 2: The Board may deny the addition of grade 11 to the charter of Park View Schools, Inc. The following language is provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board deny the requests to add grade 11 to the charter of Park View Schools, Inc. for the reasons that:

- There is not sufficient evidence that the Charter Holder has previously provided a learning environment that resulted in improved student achievement.
- (Other specific reasons the Board may have found during its consideration.)

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## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
Park View School, Inc.

**CTDS:**  
13-87-55-000

**Mailing Address:**  
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Prescott Valley, AZ 86314  
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### Representative

**Name:**  
Debra Slagle

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## Downloads

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## Current Grade Levels

### Current Grade Levels Served

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade

## New Grade Levels

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State's approved academic standards and to methods of instruction described in the charter. Please note that a separate upload must be prepared for each grade level and content area and be named as such. Additionally, applicants must restate the name of the file in the Brief Description box (e.g., First Grade Reading, HS Algebra II).

### For K-8

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#).










### For 9-12

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math coursework for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#). Each course must align with the State's graduation requirements.

### Add Grade Levels

11th

### Curriculum Samples

-  [Download File](#) — text for lesson
-  [Download File](#) — English 11
-  [Download File](#) — English 11
-  [Download File](#) — English 11 rubric
-  [Download File](#) — English 11 summative
-  [Download File](#) — English 11 writing
-  [Download File](#) — Math 11 template
-  [Download File](#) — Math 11 test answer key
-  [Download File](#) — Math 11

### Effective Date

08/14/2012


## Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

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Narrative —  [Download File](#)

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Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

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**Additional Information\***

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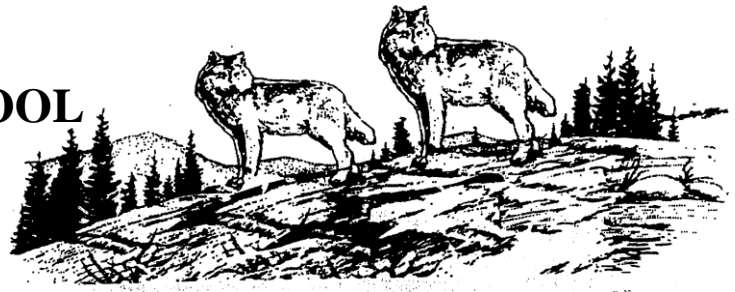
## Signature

Charter Representative Signature  
Debra Slagle 06/07/2012

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# **PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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## **Park View School, Inc. CORPORATE & SCHOOL BOARDS MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

**4:00 p.m.**

**9030 E. Florentine Road  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

Meeting Started at 4PM

Attending: Debra Slagle

By Phone: Kris Ward, Peggy Armstrong, and Chuck Slagle

Guest: Jeannette Bray

### **Change in Number of Instructional Days**

Discussion regarding change from 4 day week to 5 day week, which would be 144 to 180 instructional days per year. Debra Slagle explains that all the administrators met two weeks ago and proposed changing the number of instructional days for two reasons: First of all, with the inception of the Common Core, it is important to have more instructional days prior to testing and have a better use of instructional time. Secondly, Ms. Bray also explained that Park View parents have wanted increased academics and more after school programs, which the five day week would accommodate. Each board member was asked for their opinion. All board members were supportive. Chuck Slagle asked about the impact of transporting an additional day per week. Debra Slagle explained that it would increase fuel costs.

Kris Ward motioned to go to a 180 day instructional year and go from four to five days per week of instruction. Peggy Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Add Grade Level**

Debra Slagle explained that an amendment to add a grade level needs to be submitted to the State Board for Charter Schools so current 10<sup>th</sup> graders could be accommodated in the upcoming year. It was decided to only request grade 11 at this time. Peggy Armstrong motioned to add grade 11 beginning with the 2012 -2013 school year. Debra Slagle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **School Calendar for 2012 – 2013**

Kris Ward motioned to approve the calendar for the 2012-2013 school years as presented, with the understanding that the superintendent would ensure that the number of days and hours of instruction are in compliance with state requirements. Peggy Armstrong seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

### **Board Comments**

Call to Public for Comments – No comments submitted.

## Narrative for Park View for Adding Grade Level

Park View Schools, Inc. opened in 1999. Last year, the school added grades nine and ten in response to parent requests to add a high school. We respectfully request the opportunity to add eleventh grade in an effort to accommodate the tenth graders who are matriculating to eleventh grade for the 2012-2013 school year. The rationale for adding the grade level is to provide continuity to the students who are matriculating at Park View from tenth grade to eleventh grade.

Our mission explains that students at Park View will receive a quality education, sensitive to their learning styles and designed to equip them with the skills and core knowledge upon which further learning must be based. The addition of this grade level supports our mission by allowing our students to continue to receive a quality education and acquire the skills needed for their post secondary education.

While students' grade level cohort is determined by the year they enter high school, students must get a 65 percent or higher to receive credit in their high school classes. Park View accepts grades of C or above from students who transfer in from another high school. Students must have at least 22 credits in the required courses to meet the course requirements for graduation. Students must have four English credits, four math credits, three social studies credits, three science credits, 1 arts credit and 1 credit in college and career planning, in addition to elective credits in order to graduate. Electives include PE, performing arts, CTE, dual enrollment classes through Grand Canyon University online, JTED engineering credits and others that may be available based on qualifications of teachers. It is our intent to request an additional grade level next year to accommodate the matriculating eleventh graders at that time. The class schedule is designed to have spaces at the upper grades only for those students who are currently Park View students. Highly qualified teachers in the content areas will be added. The positions for these teachers have already been posted and resumes gathered.

Timeline for Implementation

- May 2012:** Post Openings for highly qualified instructors
- June – August 2012:** Interview and hire highly qualified instructors
- Create Curriculum Guides for additional grade level and add courses to Standards crosswalk.
- August 2012** 2012-2013 School Year begins with additional grade level