

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

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Inc.

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th 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

6th
7th
8th

Curriculum Samples

No documents were uploaded.


Effective Date

08/01/2015

Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Kathleen McCabe 03/25/2015

**MINUTES: Pathways KM Charter Schools, Inc. (PKMCSI)
Corporate/School Governing Board Meeting**

DATE: January 23, 2015
Regular Meeting
Administrative Offices, Rimrock Public High School
3705 Beaver Creek Road
Rimrock, AZ 86335

Board Members Present: Kathleen McCabe, Don Brown, Rachel Overstreet

Members Absent: Marguerite McCabe, Briana Clarke

Guests: none

Meeting Notes taken by: R. Overstreet

REGULAR MEETING

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Call to Order @ 8:45am

Pledge of Allegiance & Mission Statement

1. *Call to the Public* —

2.* Approval of the Consent Agenda* Consistent With Board Policy

On motion by D. Brown and seconded by K. McCabe, the Governing Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was UNANIMOUS.

3.* Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings were reviewed. K. McCabe read aloud the minutes of the last regular meeting.

Under the Consent Agenda, the following minutes were approved:

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: December 26, 2014

Special Board Meeting Minutes: None

Executive Session Minutes: None

4.* Under the Consent Agenda, the following Vouchers were approved:

All payroll and expense vouchers through January 23, 2015

5. Special Acknowledgements – none

6. Committee Reports – None

7. Special Reports:

1. The AdvancEd accreditation 5 year review is scheduled for February 26-27, 2015.

2. The latest report from Eric Schultz in Washington DC regarding the REAP Grant is that they are currently reviewing the recently reported rural status of Rimrock Public HS. They cannot guarantee an award this year.

3. Bella Vista Academy is almost ready to submit curriculum for grades 6, 7, & 8. When the curriculum plan is completed and reviewed by the PKMCSI Governing Board then plans to submit an amendment to the ASBCS for the addition of grades served will be initiated.

II. INSTRUCTIONAL:

ACTION ITEM

1. K. McCabe presented for discussion and review amending the PKMCSI Charter Contract to include grades 6, 7, & 8. It was duly noted that curriculum maps had not been completed yet for review and that no request for the amendment would be submitted to the charter board until board director reviews the curriculum maps. K. McCabe made a motion to approve the addition of grades 6, 7, & 8 to the PKMCSI Charter, R. Overstreet seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

2. K. McCabe made a motion to approve an added Site Notification Request for Bella Vista Academy, located at: 33401 N. 56th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 for grades 9-12. The motion was seconded by R. Overstreet and the vote was unanimous.

This meeting is held in accordance with ARS 38-431.01 Open Meeting Law Statutes.

III. PERSONNEL SERVICES: None

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: None

V. BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDLINES:

ACTION ITEMS

1. K. McCabe presented for review Policy Services Advisory Vol 14 Number 3 dtd Aug 2014. Board members agreed to address the recommendations at the next regular meeting. The policies will be on the next agenda for discussion and possible action.

VI BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter requesting reinstatement of credits lost due to poor attendance from Ciara Francisco was reviewed. K. McCabe made a motion to reinstate the student's credits. D. Brown seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

VII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

VIII. OTHER ITEMS:

The next Regular scheduled meeting: February 27, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 9:34am

Minutes taken and reported by: R. Overstreet

Approved by, K. MCCABE

Date

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March 23, 2015

To: Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
1616 West Adams Street, Ste 170
Phoenix, AZ 85007
602 364 3080

Re: Adding Grade Levels Amendment Request – Narrative (revised)

Pathways KM Charter Schools, Inc. originally served grades 6 through 12. In 2006 grades 6-8 were dropped when the high school changed its name and location. At that time there was no room or need for a middle school.

Some local families have approached members of the board asking for the addition of a middle school. We have determined that expansion of the current education program is a positive financial prospect and will benefit the academic performance of our high school students.

Our education program emphasizes direct instruction in classrooms of less than 20 students per teacher. Our high school curriculum is aligned with state academic standards and focuses on objectives that will prepare students for the AZMERIT End of Course assessments. Middle School curriculum will also be aligned with state standards, (whatever they are established to be, for now our school is aligned to Common Core).

For grades 6, 7, & 8 students must demonstrate 60% academic proficiency in both Language Arts and Mathematics through course specific assessments. Students must demonstrate grade level specific (60%) mastery of objectives. Staff will meet mid term and at the end of the year to review each student's academic progress. Both course grades, final assessments and teaching staff review will be used to determine if the student is prepared for advancement to the next grade or promotion to high school.

Students who are performing at or below 65% mastery in Language Arts or Mathematics or both will be required to attend Friday School Tutoring or a three week summer school session to help them identify and master problem objectives. This is an intervention measure to help them be better prepared for high school academic curriculum.

From a financial perspective it is hoped that students will continue from middle school to our rigorous high school academic program with a small teacher/student ratio in a direct instruction classroom. We expect the middle school to provide a steady 9th grade population of students interested in completing high school with post secondary intentions. In addition it should be noted that future plans for expansion are augmented by the ability to serve grades 6-12.

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The high school is currently staffed by Arizona Certified Secondary Teachers who are highly qualified in their content areas. The middle school will require adding one or more Arizona Certified Highly Qualified Teachers in Mathematics and/or Language Arts. The current high school teaching staff will be able to teach some individual courses to middle school level students that are not the specific HQ of the new teachers. All core content will be taught by Highly Qualified Arizona Certified Teachers. The number of new teachers hired will depend on the expected enrollment number.

Annually, over 60% of our graduating cohorts for the past nine years are students who enrolled their freshman or sophomore year and stayed through their senior year. Our staff is committed to challenging students who have low expectations for success by asking them to do difficult things.

Focused on Student Success,

Kathleen McCabe

Principal & Charter Operator

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Pathways KM Charter Schools, Inc. Expansion Project

CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST

TIMELINE for implementation of addition of grades 6-8

Reference: Request for New Site: Bella Vista Academy, Scottsdale AZ

Dates	School	ACTION	Grades	Expected enrollment
Spring 2015		Charter Amendment Request Add grades 6-8		
Spring 2015	Bella Vista	Submit New Site Notification	6-8	
August 2015	Rimrock	Open middle school Same location as High School	6-8	20
August 2015	Bella Vista	Open middle school At Bella Vista	6-8	20
August 2016	Rimrock	Year 2 Open new site for Middle School	6-8	30
August 2016	Bella Vista	Year 2	6-8	40
August 2016	Belle Vista	Add 9 th grade	9	12