DETAILED BUSINESS PLAN – GOVERNING BODY

GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body has the duties and authority required by applicable law or as delegated to it by the Corporate Board, but specifically including all the powers and obligations required or implied by A.R.S. §15-183.E.8. The Governing Body's duties include, without limitation, adherence to the core values of the Corporation and the educational philosophy of any charter school operated by the Corporation. All policies and procedures for the charter school operated by the Corporation will be established and exercised by or under the authority of the Governing Body.

Governing Body members will be no less than three and no more than seven in number. Members will be appointed by a majority vote of the Corporate Board and may be removed, replaced or changed, with or without cause, at the discretion of the Corporate Board. Members may hold office for a period of two years from the date he or she is appointed and may serve multiple consecutive terms without restriction as to the number of terms permitted. (Reference Corporate Bylaws for additional information regarding Governing Body Member qualifications, notice of meeting, place of meeting, quorum, voting, indemnification, etc.) The current Governing Body includes:

Patricia Shaw, 15 years as Charter Operator
Terri Hutts, former Charter School Business Manager
Open Position

There is a Governing Body open position because Ms. Shaw had a law suit filed in Colorado against a prior governing body member (if needed, please reference Amendment to Charter, September, 2008). This case was resolved in February of 2010 and Ms. Shaw was notified on or about March 20, 2010 by the attorney in Colorado that the case had resolved. There has been insufficient time to meet with the school's attorney in Arizona and/or to identify and appoint a third member to the Governing Body.

The original Articles and Bylaws did not allow for school staff to be on the Governing Body so recruitment was limited to outside, non-related individuals. The new Articles and Bylaws will allow for school staff to be involved with school governance which is and has been the preference of the Board of Directors.

New governing body members receive training on Roberts Rules of Order, Arizona Open Meeting law, Arizona Charter School law and considerable training about the environment charter schools operate in. The training also includes charter school finance related issues, school budgeting and budgets and Annual Financial Reports and the reporting requirements of both.

At any given governing body meeting the agenda is made available to board members and posted for the public. Supporting materials or information are also provided to board members. As items come to the board, additional outside resources may be

used to best educate non-school or non-charter members on a particular issue. Discussion of historic or background information is provided and discussion is encouraged. One member motions and if there is no further discussion a vote is taken with the majority of governing body members establishing a Yeah or nay decision. Minutes of the meeting are made and maintained in the school's 'Board Book'.

OPEN MEETING LAW

For so long as the State's open meeting law (A.R.S.§§ 38-431 through 38-431.09) applies to charter schools, all deliberation and official actions of the Governing Body will take place at a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the State's open meeting law, except in cases where and to the extent, executive session are authorized by State law. Additionally, for so long as the State's open meeting applies to charter schools, public notice of all meetings of the Governing Body, and of all committees and advisory boards authorized by the Governing Body, shall be given pursuant to and as required by the State's open meeting law and the meeting minutes required by Section 8.10 of Article VIII of the Corporate Bylaws will comply with the requirements set forth in the State's open meeting law.