

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
STEP UP Schools, Inc.

CTDS:
07-86-34-000

Mailing Address:
580 West Melody Drive
Gilbert, AZ 85233
> [View detailed info](#)

Representative

Name:
Betty (Ann) Peschka

Phone Number:
480-813-9537

Fax Number:
480-813-6742

Downloads

 [Download all files](#)

Contractual Days

200

To
180

Fiscal Year Effective Date
7/20/2016

Type of Change
Permanent Change

Attachment

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

School Calendar –  [Download File](#)

Daily Instructional Schedule –  [Download File](#)

Narrative –  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

 [Download File](#) – Impact of fewer days to improve planning for regular academic year and summer program.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Betty (Ann) Peschka 05/12/2016

STEP UP SCHOOLS, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2015

Board Members in attendance: Fred Pinkney, JoAnna Curtis, Cliff Moon, Ann Peschka

Members Absent: None

Non-Members in attendance: Lynn Robershotte, Staci Fletcher, Sheri Drew

The meeting was held per posted agenda at 44 E 5th Street, Mesa, AZ 85201 and per web page.

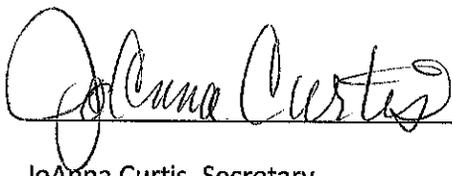
1. President Fred Pinkney called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: JoAnna Curtis moved to accept the minutes as presented and Ann Pesschka seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.
3. Consideration of Expenditures and Disbursements: Expenditures were reviewed, approved and initialed as presented. Specifics on decreasing expenditures, plus discussion on the opportunity for grant monies was held at length. The Board realizes and takes seriously the financial challenges that we are experiencing.
4. Review of financial reports: The financial statements were reviewed and discussed.
5. Considerations of Resignations: Barbara Duncan as a Board Member submitted a resignation letter which was read by Lynn Robershotte and JoAnna Curtis moved to accept it and Cliff Moon seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.
6. Consideration of Summer Field Trips- Tabled
7. Consideration of Contracts and Evaluations: The Board discussed the need to freeze salaries for current salaried employees for the following year. JoAnna Curtis moved and Ann Peschka seconded the motion to this effect. The Board approved unanimously.
8. Consideration of Letters to the Board: None
9. Consideration of the 2015-2016 Calendar- Ann Peschka motioned that we consider modifying our school days from 200 to 180 since the state does not fund at a proportionate rate and the Board needs to be fiscally conservative as we move ahead. JoAnna Curtis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Lynn will create a 180 day calendar to submit for Board approval at the next meeting.
10. Consideration of Audit Company: Tabled
11. Consideration of the PMP: Ann Peschka moved to approve the PMP and JoAnaa Curtis seconded with a unanimous approval by the Board.
12. Consideration of Adopted Curriculum: Lynn Robershotte reported on the progress of the Eureka pilot. She stated that more information will be forthcoming.

13. Consideration of Grants: Staci is working with outside sources to see what is available. She may be approaching the Board to request an agreement to retain services of a very qualified provider of such assistance.
14. Consideration of Health Insurance: Aetna Gold was recommended by Sheri Drew and Lynn Robershotte for the Board's consideration. Ann Peschka made a motion to so approve and JoAnna Curtis seconded with a unanimous board approval.
15. Consideration of IT Support Contract: Tabled
16. Consideration of Internet Bids: Sheri continues to work with Lynn and is finding some great options which will likely be available the first of the new year. Therefore, this item was tabled until next meeting.
17. Dean's Report: Staci Fletcher shared with the Board the events and field experiences planned for the year.
18. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Robershotte presented possibilities of facility options and an agreement with WMCDC (West Mesa CDC)

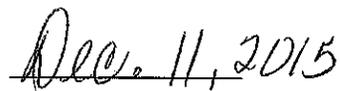
Call to Public:

Staci Fletcher shared that she felt an improved Vision statement to become the center of the community and that it be the hope for the future of the children in preparation through education, develop character and in becoming career and college ready be added. She further discussed the need for emotional/ behavioral support and training from ASU with intervention in the school be allowed. This did not require Board action and the information was happily received by the Board.

Fred Pinkney adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.



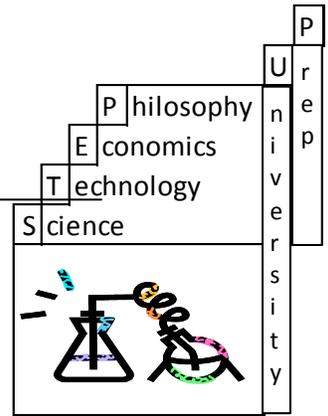
JoAnna Curtis, Secretary



Date

STEP UP SCHOOLS

44 E. 5th St. ♦ Mesa, AZ 85201 ♦ Tel. (480) 344-2600 ♦ Fax (480) 850-0004



To Whom It May Concern,

As of the 2016-2017 school year, Step Up School will change the number of school days from 200 days to 180 days. This decision has been made by the Board due to fiscal concerns, and Step Up can no longer support this program. The disparity in the additional days funding (55% less funding per student per day for the 20 additional days) has precipitated this decision.

Step Up is continuing the following programs as a benefit to our students and community:

1. Summer programs which are attended by over half of our students.
2. Parent involvement in children’s education through parent teacher conferences, school events, and daily assignments.
3. Daily (180 days) extended day instruction and a fully academic after school program offered to all students from 3:45pm-5pm.

The 2016-2017 instructional hours, which do not include the after school program, far exceed the required hours per A.R.S §15-901. Hours range from 110 to 421 in excess of the statute, and varies depending on grade and classroom. The 2016-2017 school calendar is 180 days.

Grade Level	Step Up 2016-2017 Instructional Hours	Required Instructional Hours	% Excess Hours (# of Excess Hours)
Kindergarten	1085	712	52% (373 Hours)
1 st Grade Guthrie	1085	712	52% (373 Hours)
1 st Grade Mendoza	1133	712	59% (421 Hours)
2 nd Grade	1133	712	59% (421 Hours)
3 rd Grade	1124	712	58% (412 Hours)
4 th Grade	1124	890	26% (234 Hours)
5 th & 6 th Grade	1178	890	32% (288 Hours)
7 th & 8 th Grade	1178	1068	10% (110 Hours)

Step Up consists of only one school/location at this time, so this change will only affect the current location.

This change will become effective for the 2016-2017 school year. There are no other amendments or notification requests which would warrant concurrent consideration.

Sincerely,
 Staci Fletcher
 Dean of Students
 Step Up School

July 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

STEP UP

Calendar 2016-2017

- Open House
- First Day of Session
- Cottage Fair
- Holiday / No School
- Conference Week
- Last Day of Session
- State / Mastery TBD
- Early Release

December 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June 2017

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1st Qtr	51
2nd Qtr	40
3rd Qtr	45
4th Qtr	44
	<hr/>
	180