B.2 Applicant Composition

Organization Principles

Steve Prahcharov is the Principal and Co-Founder of SCDS and brings with him much experience in the education and business aspect. Mr. Prahcharov has worked as a charter school Principal for the past 5 ½ years, as a teacher for 4 ½ years at a charter school prior to this, and has learned many ways in how a school is run and should operate. As a school Principal, Mr. Prahcharov was responsible for supervising, managing, and leading up to 16 staff members on a daily basis. Furthermore, Mr. Prahcharov gained invaluable experience on the financial management aspect during budgetary meetings, planning, and projections. Mr. Prahcharov has a total of 13 years in education thus far, 3 in England as a teacher of elementary and secondary education students, 4 ½ years teaching in Arizona, and 5 ½ years as a Principal.

Mr. Prahcharov builds terrific relationships with students, staff members, and family members of all the schools he has worked in, creates a positive school climate through exemplary leadership skills, and strives to provide excellence in education.

The education background for Mr. Prahcharov includes a Bachelor of Science and Teaching degree from England, and a Masters in Educational Administration, with a 4.0 GPA, from Grand Canyon University in Arizona. This leadership and educational experience that Mr. Prahcharov brings to SCDS is a terrific asset and is matched by his passion for providing excellence in education.

Please see attached resume for more detailed information on Mr. Prahcharov.

Katherine Prahcharov brings with her vast experience in communication, business, and event planning, all of which will be extremely beneficial to the implementation of the program at SCDS. Mrs. Prahcharov is the Co-Founder of SCDS and office manager and has a Marketing Communication degree from ASU. During her event planning career, Mrs. Prahcharov prepared comprehensive budgets and financial statements for clients and developed additional revenue and cost saving opportunities

Mrs. Prahcharov has worked at a charter school in an administrative capacity, with responsibilities including SAIS updates to the Arizona Department of Education. Kathy's professional background includes accounting, business development, and team management. She has traveled to over 25 countries and brings business and cultural insight to the SCDS campus.

Please see attached resume for more detailed information on Mrs. Prahcharov.

Robert Hill is currently serving on both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arizona. Mr. Hill is also a Former Chairman of the Board and has strong financial skills and a financial background.

Mr. Hill has two sons who attended Kachina Country Day School for the 2010/2011 school year. Mr. Hill's two sons and daughter will attend the private SCDS in 2011/2012 and hopefully the charter SCDS for the 2012/13 school year and beyond. Please see attached resume for more detailed information on Mr. Hill.

Paget Merriman a Governing Board Member and has extensive background in education, counseling, and real estate which will allow her to offer expertise in all of these important areas for SCDS. Mrs. Merriman is also the Dean of Students at SCDS and will bring with her experience in working in private and charter schools over the past three decades. Mrs. Merriman has experience serving as a board member for a previous school. Please see attached resume for more detailed information on Mrs. Merriman.

Kristin Johnson
Mrs. Johnston have an extensive background in service to education, and has served in several leadership roles in different organizations. A resident of Arizona her entire life, Mrs. Johnston is very interested in ensuring that children receive the best possible education.

Mrs. Johnston is currently employed, and has been for many years, with Maricopa County Community College District as a teacher for Chandler/Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, and Glendale Community Colleges. Mrs. Johnston has also served on several academic and curriculum committees at these campuses. Mrs. Johnston's interest in service, and most especially in education, led her to accepting the position of President of the PTO for Kachina Country Day School, a position which she held until that school’s closure in May 2011. Please see attached resume for more detailed information on Mrs. Johnston.

Marla Molvin is a School Governing Board Member for SCDS and has been involved in Early Childhood Development, specifically with those students that are considered “at risk”, for the past 13 years. Mrs. Molvin is a past Chairman of the Shadow Rock Preschool Board of Directors and volunteers as a summer school teacher. This past school year, Mrs. Molvin taught 5th and 6th grade math and Science.

Mrs. Molvin is currently working toward a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction which will be completed in October and her expertise in Curriculum will be an asset for the SCDS Governing Board.