

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

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Contractual Days

182

To
178


Fiscal Year Effective Date
2015

Type of Change
Temporary Change (possibly due to unforeseen circumstances)

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Additional Information
No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Jean-Claude Abougou 11/09/2015



MINUTES

Seneca Preparatory Academy Governing Board Meeting

September 24, 2015

Viscount Suite Hotel

4855 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85711

Governing Board Members	Present	Governing Board Members	Present
Jean-Claude Abougou	x	Lew Crane	x
Donka Dyer-Abougou	x	Ernestina Fuentes	
Victoria Boyd		Bitaya Mulato	x
Theresa Cesare			

Call to Order – 6:45 PM by Jean-Claude Abougou, President.

Dr. Abougou provides an update on how Seneca Preparatory Academy (SPA) is doing at 40 W. Fort Lowell Rd.

Dr. Abougou submits a motion that Seneca Preparatory Academy (SPA) remains at 40 W. Fort Lowell this year with the stipulation that this is a temporary move, and SPA can move whenever it sees fit. Ms. Bitaya seconds the motion. All agree and the motion is passed unanimously.

Dr. Abougou also provides an update on Seneca discussions with Sacred Heart Church with regard to the church’s school facility. The talks are highly positive and both parties agree to continue these discussions.

The following three motions are passed unanimously:

- Motion to approve Seneca Instructional Day Amendment from 182 to 178 instructional days is submitted by Ms. Dyer-Abougou and seconded by Mr. Crane.
- Motion to approve the modified 2015-2016 school calendar is submitted by Ms. Dyer-Abougou and seconded by Mr. Crane.
- Motion to approve the Enrollment Cap Reduction to fit the facility at 40 W. Stone Rd is submitted by Mr. Crane and seconded by Ms. Dyer-Abougou.

Adjourn – 7:25 PM

Seneca Preparatory Academy 2015-2016 Calendar

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Day 1 of School: Aug 13, 2015	Labor Day: Sept 7, 2015	Fall Break: Oct 12-15, 2015	Veterans Day: Nov 11, 2015
Thanksgiving: Nov 25-27, 2015	Winter Break: Dec 21-Jan 1, 2016	MLK Day: Jan 18, 2016	Rodeo Break: Feb 25-26, 2016
Spring Break: Mar 14-16, 2016	Last Day of Day: May 27, 2016	Memorial Day: May 30, 2016	NO SCHOOL
Short Day. Pick up time 12:00 noon			

Narrative for Seneca Preparatory Academy Instructional Day Amendment Request

Seneca Preparatory Academy was set to start school operations on August 6, 2015 at 601 E. E. Fort Lowell Rd. However, on July 31, 2015 Sacred Heart Catholic Church (the facility owner), informed us that the school facility had failed the Fire Marshall inspection.

We were very surprised by this news because the Church had assured us that the Fire Marshall Inspection would be a mere formality. The reason being that the church property as a whole had passed this type of inspection three to four years earlier when a new fire alarm system was installed on the property.

Given this setback, we could not open the school on August 6, 2015 and there was no guarantee that the Church will have the facility ready for school by the new opening date of August 13, 2015. Consequently, we decided to open the school at 40 W. Fort Lowell Rd; a facility occupied by Tucson Collegiate Prep. Meanwhile, with this second postponing of the school opening, we lost two excellent teachers and started school operations with only 16 of the 42 students that had originally enrolled at Seneca Preparatory Academy (SPA).

We are seeking an Instructional Day Amendment because with the new school calendar, SPA will provide only 178 days of instruction this year, versus 182 days as stated in the original application, and less than the 180 days required by state law. However, as shown in the table underneath, all students at Seneca Preparatory Academy will receive 1,192 hours of instruction in 2015-16.

Consequently, even with 178 days of instruction, Seneca Prep will still comply with state status because ARS 15-901(A) (2) (a) (i) and ARS 15-901(A) (2) (a) (b) (i) provide the following guidance for the minimum hours of instruction per year required for full-time students: a) Kindergarten: 356 hrs. b) Grades 1, 2 & 3: 712 hrs. c) Grades 4, 5 & 6: 890 hrs.

SENECA PREPARATORY ACADEMY TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN 2015-2016

- SPA 2015-16 instructional days: 178 days/yr
- SPA 2015-16 instructional weeks: 35.6 wk/yr. Computation: $35.6 \text{ wk/yr} = (178 \text{ days/yr}) / (5 \text{ days/wk})$
- SPA 2015-16 total instructional time per week (from Table 1 or 2)
 - English Language Arts: 525 min/wk
 - Math: 525 min/wk
 - Science & Health: 180 min/wk
 - Social Studies: 180 min/wk
 - Physical Education: 150 min/wk
 - Art & Music: 225 min/wk
 - Reteach/Homework/Enrichment: 225 min/wk
- Total Instructional Time Per Week: 2,010 min/wk = 33.5 hr/wk
- Total Instructional Time in 2015-16 1,192 hr/yr, Computation: $(33.5 \text{ hr/wk}) \times (35.6 \text{ wk/yr})$

SPA TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN 2015-2016: 1,192 hr/yr

Note:

ARS 15-901(A) (2) (a) (i) and ARS 15-901(A) (2) (a) (b) (i) provide the following guidance for the minimum hours of instruction per year required for full-time students: a) Kindergarten: 356 hrs. b) Grades 1, 2 & 3: 712 hrs. c) Grades 4, 5 & 6: 890 hrs.

Seneca Preparatory Academy (SPA) Total Instructional Time in 2015-16.