

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Sonoran Desert School

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07-87-86-000

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6724 S. Kings Ranch Road
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Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
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Representative

Name:
Patricia Dalman

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Contractual Days

180

To
144


Fiscal Year Effective Date
7/1/2015

Type of Change
Permanent Change

Attachment

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School Calendar —  [Download File](#)

Daily Instructional Schedule —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

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Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Patricia Dalman 03/06/2015

Sonoran Desert School
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 6, 2015

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: 6724 S. Kings Ranch Road

A. Board Members Present (underlined)

Patricia Dalman	<u>Present</u> or Absent
Shawn Dalman	<u>Present</u> or Absent
Don Tucker	<u>Present</u> or <u>Absent</u>
Jean Tucker	<u>Present</u> or Absent
Charlotte Zulkowski	Present or <u>Absent</u>
Angela Zibert	<u>Present</u> or Absent

Note: The required quorum of four board members was present

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Consent Agenda

Includes a general description of the matters discussed or considered as well as a description of all legal actions proposed, discussed or taken and the names of members who proposed each motion:

1. Review of the Financials

Financials were reviewed. Angela Zibert made a motion to approve the financial statements. Jean Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed through a majority vote.

2. Review Form 990

Review Form 990 was reviewed by the board. Jean Tucker made a motion to approve the Review Form. Shawn Dalman seconded the motion. Motion passed through a majority vote.

3. Discussion and Vote on Changing to a Four Day School Week

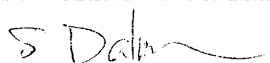
A discussion was held to change to a four day school week. Patricia Dalman stated that a four day week would keep pace with local district changes, employ and keep good teachers, and decrease utility expenses. Mr. Dalman also agreed that a number of students drive from Superior and Apache Junction, so it would decrease expenses for families who have to drive. Jean Tucker agreed that teachers and students would benefit from a four day week schedule. Shawn Dalman made a motion to approve the four day week. Jean Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed through a majority vote.

D. Call to the Public

Names of persons making statements or presenting material to the public body and a reference to the specific legal action addressed by the person:

No individuals addressed the board.

E. Adjourn



Shawn Dalman, Secretary

3/6/15

Date

Sonoran Desert School

2015-2016 School Calendar

July 2015						
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August 10	First Day of School	Dec.21 -Jan. 1	Winter Break (No School)
September 7	Labor Day (Holiday)	January 18	Civil Rights Day (Holiday)
October 5-8	Fall Break (No School)	March 7-10	Spring Break
November 11	Veterans Day (Holiday)	May 19	End of Semester/Report Cards
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break (Holiday)	May 19	Last Day of School
December 17	End of Semester/Report Cards	May 20	Graduation

TO: ASBCS
FROM: Patricia Dalman, Sonoran Desert School Charter Holder
SUBJECT: Instructional Days Amendment Request Narrative
DATE: MARCH 6, 2015

1. *Describe the reason for the change in instructional days, including how it will improve pupil achievement in the target population.*

The local school district recently voted to move all district schools to a 4-day week. They did this to reduce operations costs and to aid with teacher retention, both of which have been negatively impacted by severe and ongoing budget cuts.

We also need to move to a 4-day week to reduce operations costs and aid with teacher retention. In addition to financial considerations, we need to keep a consistent schedule with surrounding schools to aid families with planning and transportation; many families have children at different schools. This change will also reduce transportation costs for families; the school does not have buses, so families outside our immediate community provide their own transportation from Apache Junction, Florence, Superior, and Globe.

This change will improve student achievement by supporting the recruitment and retention of quality teachers who may see a 4-day week as a benefit that offsets salary stagnation and decreases due to budget cuts. Students also see a 4-day week as a benefit, which increases motivation.

2. *Describe how the school calendar and daily instructional schedule(s) provided demonstrate compliance with A.R.S. §15-901 regarding annual instructional hours for each grade served.*

For the 2015-16 school year, SDS will serve grades 5-12. A.R.S. §15-901 requires 890 annual instructional hours for grades 5-6, 1,000 instructional hours for grades 7-8, and 720 instructional hours for grades 9-12.

Students will receive the required number of instructional hours by lengthening the school day. Students are scheduled to receive 7 hours of instruction per day for 144 days. This will result in 1,008 instructional hours.

3. *Describe whether the change will apply to all schools operated under the charter, or to identified school sites only.*

Sonoran Desert School is the only school operated under the charter. The change will apply to Sonoran Desert School only.

4. *Provide the timeline for implementing the change, including whether the Instructional Days Amendment Request will be submitted in conjunction with any other amendment or notification requests which would warrant concurrent consideration.*

The change will be implemented in the 2015-16 school year and continue thereafter. The start date for the implementation will be August 10, 2015 (fiscal year starting July 1, 2015).

No other amendment or notification requests which would warrant concurrent consideration have been submitted.