

Charter Mission Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

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Mission

Change From

The mission of Model Community Learning Center is to establish a model of a professional learning community targeting under-served populations in which all students are college ready, successful in their post-secondary endeavors, contributing members of the community, and use strength building concepts throughout their lives. The StrengthBuilding Partners Model Community Learning Center serves as a model for school transformation across Arizona.

Change To

The mission of Las Puertas Community School is to establish a model of a professional learning community targeting under-served populations in which all students are college ready, successful in their post-secondary endeavors, contributing members of the community, and use strength building concepts throughout their lives. The StrengthBuilding Partners' school, Las Puertas Community School, serves as a model for school transformation across Arizona.

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Signatures

Charter Representative Signature
Pamela Clark-Raines 03/10/2017



Meeting Minutes

Las Puertas Community School Board Meeting

Location: Las Puertas Community School

4560 S. Coach Drive Tucson AZ

Monday, July 11, 2016

6:00PM

Opening Items

- A. Call meeting to Order: Leticia Lujan called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM
- B. Attendance: Present: Leticia Lujan, Pete Guerrero, Pamela Clark-Raines
Absent: Allison Ewing-Cooper, Pamela Trotter Cornell (Principal)
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approve Minutes: review of the following meeting minutes: 5/23/16, 6/23/16 & 7/1/16.
Lujan made the motion to accept all minutes as written; Guerrero seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Las Puertas

- A. Outreach & Student Recruitment: Discussion of current enrollment numbers and review of the issue of the low enrollment for 6th grade students. Clark-Raines shared her discussion with the Charter Board re: the possibility that Las Puertas will not be able to have a 6th grade this year. She was told that so long as it is our intent to continue to have sixth grade we do not need to amend our charter. If, it turns out that we are continually unable to have a sixth grade, we will need to consider amending our charter. Recruitment coordinator is checking with parents of prospective 6th graders as to their intention to enroll and we hope to have a solid number tomorrow so a decision can be made. To be truly cost effective, we must have between 10-12 enrolled 6th grade students.

We will have a table at an upcoming Tohono O'odham event. In fact, Las Puertas has been approached by school personnel re: Meeting with them so they can learn more about our school. There is also a back to school event organized by AZ Bilingual and one at Pascua Yaqui over the next two weeks. Additionally, Mariel & Jennifer are canvassing on a twice/week basis.

- B. Facility Planning 2016-2017: Mike Baird of Baird Construction Company who did our tenant improvements in 2014 and his crew came on Friday in order to provide an estimate for the building changes. This was delayed because Mike had a hernia operation and a spinal operation. He is committed to having the changes completed by August 1.



Finance

- A. Adoption of FY17 Budget: Presentation and discussion re: the FY17 projected budget. No changes were needed and board members felt the budget was appropriate. Lujan made the motion to accept the budget as presented, Guerrero seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.

- B. Proposed Prop 301 Plan: Clark-Raines presented the proposed Prop 301 Plan. It was unanimously accepted by staff when it was presented to staff. A discussion ensued and the board was positive about the plan as presented. The formal plan will be presented at the next meeting.

Amendment to Las Puertas' Charter

- A. Name Change from Model Community Learning Center to Las Puertas Community School: Due to the change in the name of the school from the Model Community Learning Center to Las Puertas Community School, it is considered that the school has made a change in its mission. The board needs to formally vote on the change in the mission statement by approving the change of the name to Las Puertas Community School. Clark-Raines made the motion that the board change the mission statement of the school by changing the name of the school from The Model Community Learning Center to Las Puertas Community School. Guerrero seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

New/Old Business

- A. Clark-Raines shared information about the three ASU School of Social Work three interns who will be interning with Las Puertas Community School for the SY 2016-2017. Two are Masters level and one is a BSW student. Discussed their potential roles.
- B. Board agreed that we should contract with Diamond Financial Services based upon the fact that we will no longer be contracting with Balance Books and the proposal from Diamond was acceptable to the Board.
- C. Clark-Raines shared with the board the upcoming appointment with Mr. Mike Herrera who is known by our teacher associate, Nicholas Mares. Mr. Herrera is a philanthropist who is very interested in Las Puertas and what we are accomplishing here.

Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting: As there was more business to be conducted this evening, Lujan moved to adjourn the meeting. Clark-Raines seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05.