

Decreasing Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

Remove Grade Levels

Remove Grade Levels

6th
7th
8th

Effective Date

08/12/2013

Attachments

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No documents were uploaded.

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Allison O'Neill 05/20/2013

**Ombudsman Charter Schools
Governing Board Minutes for March 14, 2013 Meeting**

**Meeting Location: 13832 N. 32nd Street, Suite #C-218, Phoenix, AZ 85032
Meeting Time: 10:00am Arizona Time**

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- A. Allison O'Neill called the meeting to order.
- B. Ms. O'Neill asked Charlene Podolsky to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Ms. O'Neill asked Caroline Damask to call roll for the meeting.

Present were Board members Allison O'Neill, Mark Claypool and Charlene Podolsky.

Present as guests were Carol Ruhnke, Ron Grimsley, Barb Litecky and Ms. Damask of Ombudsman.

- D. Approval of Agenda

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Podolsky and seconded by Mr. Claypool to approve the agenda. A vote was called and the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

- E. Approval of Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Board Meeting

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of February 7, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Claypool and seconded by Ms. Podolsky to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Board meeting. A vote was called and the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Board meeting passed unanimously.

- F. Public Comment

Ms. O'Neill asked for any public comment. None was available.

II. ACTION ITEMS – Charter

- A. Approve Capital Expenditure Policy

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the Capital Expenditure Policy dated July 1, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Claypool and seconded by Ms. Podolsky to approve the policy. Ms. O'Neill asked Ms. Damask to provide an overview of the policy. A vote was called and the motion to approve the Capital Expenditure Policy passed unanimously.

III. ACTION ITEMS – Charter 2

- A. Approve Capital Expenditure Policy

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the Capital Expenditure Policy dated July 1, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Claypool and seconded by Ms. Podolsky to approve the policy. Ms. O'Neill asked Ms. Damask to provide an overview of the policy. A vote was called and the motion to approve the Capital Expenditure Policy passed unanimously.

B. Approve Decreasing Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the Decreasing Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request. A motion was made by Ms. Podolsky and seconded by Mr. Claypool. Ms. O'Neill asked Ms. Ruhnke to provide an overview of the amendment to the Board. After discussion among the board members, a vote was called and the motion to approve the Decreasing Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request passed unanimously.

IV. FINANCIAL ITEMS-Charter

A. Approve Voucher Numbers 1027-1031

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve Voucher Numbers 1027-1031. A motion was made by Ms. Podolsky and seconded by Mr. Claypool. A vote was called and the motion to approve Voucher Numbers 1027-1031 passed unanimously.

V. FINANCIAL ITEMS-Charter 2

A. Approve Voucher Numbers 1028-1033

Ms. O'Neill asked for a motion to approve Voucher Numbers 1028-1033. A motion was made by Mr. Claypool and seconded by Ms. Podolsky. A vote was called and the motion to approve Voucher Numbers 1028-1033 passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report from Binky Jones

Ms. Jones was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Ruhnke attended the meeting in her place and provided a report. Ms. Ruhnke said that the expansion of Charter Valencia is moving forward. The board asked several follow up questions of Ms. Ruhnke.

B. Discuss adding a Governing Board member

Ms. O'Neill led the board in a discussion regarding adding a governing board member. She nominated Mr. Ron Grimsley due his experience with and passion for the Ombudsman Charter Schools. The board discussed the matter and agreed to undertake Mr. Grimsley's election to the board at its next meeting.

VII. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. O'Neill requested a motion be made to adjourn the March 14, 2013 Board Meeting. Mr. Claypool made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Podolsky seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.



Decrease in Grade Levels Served

Ombudsman Educational Services: Charter 2 CTDS 07-85-63-000

April 2nd, 2013

Ombudsman Educational Services Charter CTDS 07-85-63-000 formally requests a reduction in grade levels served for our Valencia and Central sites. We will focus on educating students in grades 9-12 and eliminate grades 6-8 starting in the fall of 2013. The information provided in this letter describes the rationale for decreasing the grade levels served as well as the number of students that will be displaced by this decision.

Enrollment Trends

Over the course of the last three years, enrollment and interest for grades 6-8 has been minimal.

The chart below depicts grades 6-8 enrollment trends for our Valencia site.

Valencia Middle School Charter ADM Analysis Grades 6-8

2009-2010 ADM	2010-2011 ADM	2011-2012 ADM	2012-2013 YTD ADM
14 students	14 students	9 students	9 students

Central Charter has not enrolled or received applications for student in grades 6-8 throughout the last three years. Because of these reasons we will focus our efforts, supports, and financial resources on educating students in grades 9-12 for the Valencia and Central sites.

Displaced Students

The reduction in grade levels only impacts students at our Valencia Charter. There are currently three 7th grade students that will be displaced. These students and parents have been provided information about a neighboring school called Southgate Charter. We have met with the Principal of Southgate Charter, which is located 5 miles from our current site. We have discussed the option of providing an opportunity for the three 7th grade students to enroll as 8th grade students in the fall of 2013. The principal from Southgate said the school would have room and would be happy to accommodate. A meeting and tour will be scheduled with the families of the three 7th grade students at the end of May at Southgate. The parents have expressed satisfaction with this option. We will continue to assist the families until we have confirmation that the three displaced students are enrolled in a school for the fall of 2013.