

General Consent Calendar
September 8, 2016

A. Minutes

The minutes from the July 14, 2016 meeting are recommended for approval, and it is recommended that all of the action of the Board that are reflected in those minutes be ratified and approved.

B. Revolving Loan

Ivy Preparatory Academy and Bonneville Academy applied for the second round of Revolving loan and each school asked for the maximum allowable to loan out. The committee reviewed the applications and recommend for each school to be awarded the \$300,000 requested.

C. Articulation Agreement between Venture Academy and Greenwood Academy

Greenwood Charter School and Venture Academy drafted the following articulation agreement recommended for approval. In this agreement, graduating students from Greenwood Charter School will have preferential enrollment status at Venture Academy.



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Utah Code 53A-1a-506(2)(b)(i)(E), Venture Academy and Greenwood Charter School do hereby enter into an Articulation Agreement (hereafter, Agreement) according to the Terms and Conditions set forth below. Both parties understand that all Terms and Conditions are subject to the approval of the State Charter School board as required by statute.

53A-1a-506(4) Eligible students.

- 4) A charter school may give an enrollment preference to:
 - (a) a child or grandchild of an individual who has actively participated in the development of the charter school;
 - (b) a child or grandchild of a member of the charter school governing board;
 - (c) a sibling of a student presently enrolled in the charter school;
 - (d) a child of an employee of the charter school;
 - (e) students articulating between charter schools offering similar programs that are governed by the same governing board;
 - (f) students articulating from one charter school to another pursuant to an articulation agreement between the charter schools that is approved by the State Charter School Board.

1. RECITALS

WHEREAS Venture Academy is a Utah Public Charter school authorized by the State Charter School board to operate a K-12 charter school in Marriott-Slaterville, Utah;

WHEREAS Greenwood Charter School is a Utah Public Charter School authorized by the State Charter School Board to operate a K-6 charter school in Harrisville, Utah and are planning to add grades 7 and 8 in the future;

WHEREAS both Venture and Greenwood are EL Education schools, and maintain a similar teaching style;

WHEREAS Greenwood desires an EL Education secondary school option for their students that graduate from Greenwood ("graduate" is defined as having completed the highest grade offered at Greenwood);

WHEREAS Venture Academy desires to give a ONE WAY preferential enrollment status to Greenwood graduates as allowed by statute and as set forth in the Terms and Conditions below;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Terms and Conditions are adopted relating to graduating (highest currently offered grade) Greenwood students articulating TO the Venture secondary grades:

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a. Venture Academy hereby grants preferential enrollment status to Greenwood graduates who desire to enroll at Venture in the year following graduation from Greenwood.
- b. This Articulation Agreement shall only be ONE WAY and only apply to graduates FROM Greenwood.
- c. Greenwood makes no such reciprocal agreement and grants no preferential enrollment to any student of Venture Academy.
- d. Greenwood students who receive preferential enrollment status to attend Venture Academy shall receive preferential enrollment treatment BEHIND, and in this order: children of Venture Academy Founding Members, Venture Academy siblings and children of Venture Academy staff, 9th grade students graduated from Promontory School, 7th to 9th grade students graduated from Voyage Academy (Promontory and Voyage have prior Articulation Agreements with Venture).
- e. This Articulation Agreement shall in no way be construed as a way to limit enrollment at Venture Academy; rather, it provides an opportunity for elementary students who have studied in an EL Education school to continue their learning in an EL Education inspired high school setting.
- f. Venture Academy continues to be an open public charter school related to its enrollment. As with all enrollments at Venture Academy, students shall be accepted at the school regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, disability or learning challenge.
- g. Both Venture and Greenwood will continue to fulfill their respective legal obligations to students with disabilities, those on an Individualized Education Plan and those on a 504 plan in administering this Articulation Agreement.
- h. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Utah and shall be subject to the final approval and oversight of the Utah State Charter School Board.

- i. Both schools hereby agree to hold each other harmless from any claims or litigation that may arise from this agreement. Both understand that each remains subject to the laws and rules that govern their respective charter agreements with the State of Utah Board of Education.
- j. The parties will review and evaluate this agreement on an annual basis. Any changes to this agreement must be by the mutual written consent of the parties.
- k. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in effect, unless the charter is revoked or terminated.
- l. This agreement and any amendments to it and renewals of it are subject to applicable state and federal laws, and shall be deemed amended to reflect applicable changes to those laws.

VENTURE ACADEMY

GREENWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

By: Mark Child
(Printed Name)

By: Jessie Kidd
(Printed Name)

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Title: Director

Title: School Director

Date: 2-10-16

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August 23, 2016

Dear Board,

Greenwood Charter School and Venture Academy desire to enter into an articulation agreement where graduating students from Greenwood will have a preferential enrollment status at Venture. This status is secondary to all other considerations currently in place, e.g., sibling preference.

Greenwood and Venture share basic philosophy and program elements and parents from Greenwood desire this option for their children. Venture is happy to welcome these students to it's ranks.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Child".

Dr. Mark Child
Director



Jessie Kidd, School Director

August 12, 2016

Dear Utah State Charter Board,

Our School Board recently worked with Venture Academy to develop an articulation agreement between our two schools to provide priority enrollment for GreenWood students applying to Venture Academy.

Both EL Education schools, an articulation between these two campuses will further the innovative and responsive classroom model that such a school system supports. Having been a school director of a K-12 school, I understand the unique challenge a charter high school faces in recruiting and retaining mission-driven families to the secondary environment. Unlike district schools that are able to develop a cone of elementary and middle schools feeding their high schools, charter schools are typically independent and few develop sustainable secondary programs attractive enough for families to stay beyond the conservative base of elementary and middle school. However, by working together, we are able to create this cone, and even, provide a sustainable mission-centered system of support to our programs and a deliberate career and college ready environment for our students. Such is the case with GreenWood feeding into Venture.

We invest so much into our students and their families, and Venture provides an education beyond GreenWood's K-8 campus to further their learning, expand their ideas, and expect more from their school. We look forward to this partnership, along with the other EL Education schools in Northern Utah to continue to provide a 3-dimensional, deeper learning experience for our students: Mastery of Skills and Knowledge, High Quality Work, and Character.

We at GreenWood are excited at the opportunity to partner with Venture to work together to, align and innovate a more deliberate Kinder to graduation pipeline through EL Education.

Sincerely,

Jessie Kidd