

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016

9:15 am– 10:30 am

Room: Salon A-B

(Innovative Instructional Design)

(Governance)

Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs at Charter Schools

Presenter - Dr. Marcia Brenden (NMHU – Center for the Education & Study of Diverse Populations)

In 2015, thirty-one NM charter schools received funding for Bilingual Multicultural Education programs. This session will cover the various models of bilingual programs in NM and the required fiscal and programmatic oversight by the Governing Council.

Room: Salon C-D

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Relations with Head Administrator and Performance Outcomes

Presenter – Sandy Beery (Beery Consulting)

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(Leadership-Management-Operations)

Who's Driving the Bus- Lessons from the Field

Presenter – Dr. Linda Paul (Paul and Associates, LLC)

Join us in this interactive session for a look at lessons learned from charter schools across the country where the Governing Council and the Lead Administrator were not in sync. Take away recommendations to help avoid poor governance and poor financial management.

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Room: Las Cruces

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Charter Schools - Accountability and Support for Audits

Presenter – State Auditor Tim Keller

The Office of the State Auditor will provide insight into accountability and support for charter school audits. Topics include trends in audit findings, risk advisories and common areas for fraud.

Room: Santa Fe

(Leadership-Management-Operations)

(Governance)

Establishing a Nonprofit to Support Your Charter School

Presenter – Constance Dove (Dove Property Advisors)

Learn why having a nonprofit organization is advantageous and often necessary to support your charter school—with facilities and more. The process for incorporating as a nonprofit corporation in New Mexico and obtaining federal tax exempt status, will be reviewed. Once state and federal approval have been obtained, the nonprofit must remain in compliance with the IRS, Attorney General and Secretary of State reporting requirements. Learn the necessary operating procedures to keep your nonprofit in good standing at the federal and state levels and be ready to acquire facility financing, manage grants, accept donations and more.

Room: Carlsbad

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Pushing Back Against Charter School Disinformation

Presenter – Christopher Koller (PAPA)

2016 has seen a variety of unique attacks against charter schools, ranging from characterizing them as having created a dangerous economic “bubble”, to the NAACP’s frontal attack and joining in the chorus in late August, *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver. This interactive, informative session will provide

information to administrators to combat negative perceptions—such as how to effectively distinguish between public and private funding and provide easy to understand “numbers” to the public.

Room: Cimarron

(Leadership-Management-Operations)

Off the Grid - Charter Landscape-Current Trends for Charter Schools

Presenter(s) – Kelly Callahan, Greta Roskom, Sue Fox, Patricia Matthews, Deborah Torza

This session for charter school leaders will focus on updates from the Coalition Committees (Funding, Facilities and Accountability), Legislative Interim Committee meetings as well as potentially “hot-button” issues regarding new regulations/administrative rule changes, authorizer oversight and any other topics that arise. There will be discussion on strategies to employ for the upcoming Legislative session and other challenges facing the charter school community. We want the session to be interactive, collaborative and informative.

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

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Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Responsibility-How to Avoid the “Land Mines”

Presenter – Susan Fox (Matthews Fox. P.C.)

“Lawyers and Contracts and Board of Finance – oh my!” As a Governance Council member, you may have muttered these words (or worse) a time or two as you headed down the road of charter governance. This session will help get and keep your team on the right path by discussing applicable conflict of interest laws and “flying monkey” situations; we will also discuss your duties and obligations as a GC member: to the school, to the public and to each other. You need a brain, a heart and plenty of courage to help get your school to where it wants and needs to be – and plenty of teamwork, too.

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Preparing for a Governing Council Meeting: Pitfalls, The Public and Private Conversations

Presenter(s) – German Burnette and Associates Attorneys

Attorneys from German Burnette and Associates will discuss the lead up to a Governing Council meeting and legal requirements that must be met including requirements under the Open Meetings Act, the Inspection of Public Records Act and other public laws.

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Learn Money Sense – A Comprehensive, Web-Based Financial Literacy/Capability Program for Grades 6-12

Presenter – Jonathan Schaumberg (Nusenda Credit Union)

Learn Money Sense is your opportunity to provide your middle and high school students with the knowledge and skills to create financial plans, effectively manage their money and become knowledgeable financial consumers. Whether you teach a financial literacy course or are interested in incorporating financial education into your class, this session is for you! Come learn about a new online financial capability resource created by Nusenda Credit Union, in partnership with Advance NM, complete with interactive videos, lesson plans and more. You will leave this session with the knowledge, skills and resources to immediately integrate financial capability into your classroom.

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Authorizer Relations: Working Beyond the Performance Contract

Presenter(s) – Dr. Steven Sanchez (Superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools), Dr. Joseph Escobedo (Director of APS Charter School Division), Pattie Gipson (PEC Commissioner,) Carolyn Shearman (PEC Commissioner), Carmie Toulouse (PEC Commissioner), Karyl Ann Armbruster (PEC Commissioner)

This session will allow governing boards and school leaders to discuss authorizer expectations, practices and outcomes as they relate to Performance Contract and Framework. Attendees will be able to ask questions and have a dialogue with representatives from the Public Education Commission, Albuquerque Public Schools and Las Cruces Public School.

Room: Santa Fe

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Building Effective Turnaround Leadership and Teacher PDPs

Presenter – Kirk Hartom (Southwest Learning Centers)

Participants will effectively be able to build workable Professional Development Plans that incorporate the implementation of specific targets of the key leadership levers and teaching indicators that impact student achievement through the University of Virginia Turnaround School Model.

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An Analysis of the Charter Facility Landscape in Albuquerque

Presenter(s) – Jessica Johnson/Kevin Hesla (Colorado League of Charter Schools)

In the spring of 2016, the Charter School Facilities Initiative collaborated with the New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools to collect data and information about charter school facilities expenditures in the city of Albuquerque. This session will provide information on the data collection and analysis as well as policy recommendations to support the New Mexico charter school facilities landscape.

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The Good, the Not So Good and the Great: A Summary of Research Findings on the National Charter Public School Movement

Presenter - Dr. Lisa Grover (National Alliance)

This interactive session will discuss the latest findings from gold standard research reports on student achievement and apply them to a discussion on policy trends in New Mexico and across the country.

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PBS LearningMedia 101

Presenter(s) – Laurel Wyckoff/Rose Poston (New Mexico PBS)

PBS LearningMedia includes 120,000 digital resources from trusted PBS producers like NOVA, Nature, American Experience, Odd Squad and PBS NewsHour. It also includes quality content from partners like NASA, NOAA, The Smithsonian, National Science Foundation, National Archives and many more. Learn how to search, share and save your favorite resources and how to set up student assignments, quizzes and lesson plans. Bring a laptop so you can get started with your own FREE account.

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Broadband Deficiencies Correction Program (BDCP)

Presenter(s) – Ovidiu Viorica/Eric Moores/Richard Govea (NM Public Schools Facility Authority)

This session will provide information about the BDCP to charters so that they are aware of the program and its benefits. SB 159, BDCP Funding, Procurement and Technical Assistance, Category 1 (fiber) Upgrades, Category 2 (Network Infrastructure) Upgrades

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Measuring the Climate of Your Charter: How Does Your Staff Really Feel

Presenter – Dr. Hugh Prather (Prather Consulting)

Participants will be presented the elements that make up a school climate (including morale) and explore both how to measure climate and then use that data to make adjustments in the school culture.

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Facility Acquisition – Beyond Compliance

Presenter(s) – Constance Dove/Patricia Matthews

This workshop will discuss various strategies to be compliant with statute to be in a public facility by your charter renewal—or before! We'll look at the requirements of statute, the PSFA, PEC or local district and the City/County Educational Occupancy requirements—and the process for remaining in compliance as you pursue the facility option that is best for your charter. Within the framework of these requirements, we'll look at various options for finding and financing, in the most cost effective way, your new facility. Facility acquisition is a complex process, but with some background and expert advice, when needed, you can make your facility dreams a reality and not at the expense of your students. An update of current legal issues regarding charter school facilities and financing will also be discussed.

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Re-Designing Middle School: A Research-Based Approach

Presenter(s) – Shannon Beyer/Michael Dolce (Media Arts Collaborative Charter School)

The Media Arts Collaborative Charter School has launched its redesigned middle school, featuring multi-age classrooms, replacement of traditional letter grades with skill-based scores and assessments, a team-teaching model, integrated and cross-curricular classes and project-based learning. We'll discuss our planning process, procedures we've developed and the skills-based implementation process. Thinking about a change at your school? Come and discover how we overhauled our school in a single year.

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Conducting a Governing Council Meeting: Roberts Rules, Rowdy Members, Real Evaluations of Your Director

Presenter(s) – German Burnette and Associates Attorneys

Attorneys from German Burnette and Associates will discuss considerations when conducting a Governing Council meeting, dealing with public comment, executive session, evaluation of a head administrator and conducting a personnel hearing for other employees.

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NMTeach 2.0 for Governing Council Members

Presenter – Dr. Linda Paul (Southern Regional Education Board SREB)

NMTeach – New Mexico's teacher and principal evaluation system is now in the fourth year of implementation. Join us in this interactive session for a look at the major components of NMTEACH and at the data generated within the system.

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Mindset Matters: Changing the Mindsets of Struggling Students

Presenter(s) – Valerie Cano, Dr. Bruce McComas (McComas & Associates)

Have you heard this statement from a student? I'm not good at " _____ " (fill in the blank – math or reading). Mindsets are beliefs-beliefs about yourself and your most basic qualities. People with a fixed mindset believe their traits are just givens. They have a certain amount of brains and talent and nothing can change that. People with a growth mindset see their qualities as things that can be developed through dedication and effort. How do mindsets impact our classrooms? How do we shift our mindset from fixed to growth? Join our session to find out more.

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Intro: Finance for Governing Boards

Presenter – Deanna Gomez

This session will focus on the role of a Board of Finance. Areas they should expect to see in monthly reports, along with areas that they can help monitor and do some internal audits to make sure that the school is in good financial standing.

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Charter School Facility Panel

Facilitator – Constance Dove (Dove Property Advisors)

Learn how charter schools from around the state are creatively addressing the challenges of securing public facilities.

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Innovation Design – Bicycle Science

Presenter– Dr. Jerry Brown (Public Academy for Performing Arts)

Using a modern bicycle, the physical sciences come alive with terms vocabulary, math and meets New Mexico Common Core and National standards.

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REPEAT SESSION

Engaging Students in the Growth Mindset

Presenter(s) – Joshua Forman/Edward Gonzalez (Digital Arts and Technology Academy)

Often times we tell students that failure is unacceptable and their grade will suffer as a result. At the year's end, their final marks reflect an averaging of the lows and highs, but is this tradition conducive to how we truly learn? This workshop will offer alternative assessment methods that embrace failure and honor skill level, as well as ways to engage students in critical thinking and problem solving in order to reach their full potentials.

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Governing Council Succession: A Practical Guide

Presenter – Dr. Hugh Prather (Prather Consulting)

Participants will have the opportunity to explore a model which can be utilized to create a succession plan for GC members. Participants will be engaged in the simulation which will provide them a take away that can be used in their own charter school setting as new Governing Council members are sought.

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