

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR, ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR TAX CREDIT FUNDS

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Murray, Director of Business Services

DATE FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: June 20, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Governing Board make an exception to the moratorium imposed in 2015 and approve the addition of recommended clubs to the list of tax credit accounts: Educators Rising at Lake Havasu High School.

RATIONALE:

Mr. Becker, principal at Lake Havasu High School, is requesting the addition of Educators Rising as a tax credit club. It is a nationally recognized organization that provides young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustains their interest in the profession and helps cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators. Students are offered opportunities from lesson planning and student development to teaching a lesson in our elementary schools. The experience also includes competing with others across the State. Tania Gray will be the advisor.

Memos from the principal and backup information is attached for review. Additional backup information was provided to the board electronically and may be available upon request.

Approved for Transmittal to Governing Board _____
Superintendent

Memo

To: LHUSD#1 Governing Board
From: Scott Becker, LHHS Principal
Cc: Diana Asseier, Superintendent LHUSD#1
Date: May 30, 2017
Re: EdRising Tax Credit Addition

In a proactive response to the shortage in teachers that are coming out of college EdRising is a Nationally Recognized Organization that helps provide passionate young people with hands-on teaching experience, sustains their interest in the profession, and helps cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators.

During the 2016-2017 school year LHHS has joined this response. During the 2016-2017 school year LHHS offered its first class of Educators Rising. Students are offered opportunities from lesson planning, student development, to teaching a lesson in our elementary schools. Part of the experience is competing against others that have prepared themselves in similar classes across the state. With the competitions that students are able to participate in there is a cost that is not paid out of maintenance and operations budget. LHHS' EdRising is requesting to be approved as a Tax Credit Club with their advisor being Tania Gray.

I am in support of this request as is providing the beginning pathway to students becoming future educators in our profession.

Lake Havasu High School Educators Rising Arizona Bylaws

Article 1 – Name

The name of the organization shall be EdRising Lake Havasu High School Chapter.

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To create more interest and understanding in the choice of an education career.
2. To unite students enrolled in Education Careers Programs.
3. To develop leadership that is competent and self-reliant.
4. To motivate students to accept academic challenges through competitive events.
5. To improve scholarship opportunities and develop skills that will enable young men and women to participate effectively in a career in education.
6. To engage in individual and group projects.
7. To recognize outstanding leadership.
8. To instill leadership in students.

Article III – Organization

- Section 1. Educators Rising Arizona is chartered by the Educators Rising National Office to provide for statewide coordination of the Educators Rising program.
- Section 2. This organization is open to all students in an Early Childhood Education and/or Education Professions and those interested in, planning to pursue or are pursuing a career in the education programs at Lake Havasu High School.
- Section 3. Membership is unified on the state and national level. Membership is established by payment of state dues and registration at the National Level via the Virtual Campus.

Article IV – Membership

Any student enrolled in a Career and Technical Education Early Childhood Education and/or Education Professions course is entitled to become an active member of the organization.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Lake Havasu Educators Rising Chapter shall consist of the following:

President:

Treasurer:

Vice-President:

Historian:

Secretary:

- Section 2. The teacher(s) associated with the Educators Rising Arizona Lake Havasu High School Chapter shall serve as Teacher Leader(s) to the chapter.
- Section 3. Officers of the chapter shall be elected after the state competition and begin their term in May. In the event of a tie, an electronic ballot will be sent out to the entire membership including the tied candidates for office. If a candidate receives a majority vote for two positions, they are given their preferred position, and the other position will be filled by the candidate with the second most votes. In the event that there was no second candidate, the election process will be repeated for that position.
- Section 4. Vacancies on the officer team shall be filled by the Teacher Leader and/or officer team.

Section 5. Officers may be replaced if the rest of the officer board deems it necessary for the good of the chapter or an officer steps down. The Teacher Leader(s) of the chapter must approve the removal and replacement and the removal/replacement must be motioned to the chapter and voted on. Members of the chapter may then nominate replacements and the officer board will select the official replacement as a group.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Meetings will be held the last Thursday of each month.

Section 2. The agenda for each meeting will determine whether the meeting is a business or nonbusiness meeting.

Section 3. The officer team shall meet every week, time and place determined by the President and approved by the Teacher Leader(s).

Article VII – Committees

Section 1. Committees of the Educators Rising Lake Havasu High School Chapter shall consist of the following: Community Service and Fundraising. Additional temporary committees will be appointed as needed by the President.

Article VIII – Members and Probation

Section 1. If a member has two or more unexcused absences for meetings, they are placed on probation. Members on probation are required to attend three consecutive meetings and participate in a committee to be taken off probation. Members on probation will not count toward the voting quorum.

Section 2. Probation measures will begin at the first meeting after an official membership list is established.

Section 3. An absence may be excused if the member informs the teacher leader of why they will be absent prior to the meeting. Exceptions may be made on the discretion of the teacher leader for unforeseen circumstances.

Section 4. The teacher leader and other members of the board may meet with a member if a member has an excessive number of excused absences. This process is at the discretion of the teacher leader and the rest of the officer board.

Section 5. Members are allowed two unexcused absences. Members will receive a verbal/emailed warning after their first unexcused absence. After their second unexcused absence, a member is required to attend one extra community service/club event. After their third unexcused absence, a member is placed on probation.

Section 6. Officers are subject to probation measures. Officers are held to a higher standard and may typically only have 1 or 2 excused absences throughout the year. Officers are not allowed any number of unexcused absences.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular chapter meeting, provided the amendment has been proposed by the officer team or any chapter member. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing at least fourteen days before the next regular chapter meeting.

ARTICLE X – CLUB CLOSURE

In the event of the organization's closure, all tax credit funds will be transferred to the "All – No Preference" account.