

Notes from 6-26-13 Meeme LEADS Governing Board meeting:

a. Advantages/limitations of a Charter school

i. Advantages

1. We have access to more grant opportunities by having a 501c3 status.
2. Just having charter status.
3. Flexibility from state statutes.
4. We provide good teaching practices.
5. Meeme offers creative learning styles.
6. Our school focus includes technology.
7. The teachers provided the dissemination of best practice.
8. The size of Meeme is unique.
9. The staff is dedicated to go above and beyond.
10. The Meeme PTO is a close knit group.
11. Charter Schools are not under all of the requirements that other schools are.
12. Meeme LEADS Charter can choose a curriculum for materials that are a good fit to our model and instructional strategies.
13. We could have an exemption on the hours /times that school started and ended (chose not to change this at Meeme).
14. Charter schools over all can do a variety of different strategies, programs and techniques to meet the individual needs of the students.
15. Students can work at their own capabilities.

ii. Disadvantages/limitations

1. Meeme LEADS cannot set boundaries.
2. Meeme LEADS cannot assign students to a school.
3. There is a lot of work, time and dedication that goes into making the transformations needed to plan, develop, implement and maintain the charter school innovations on the part of the staff and the administration.