

Section 12. Contractual Relationships

A. Founding Team

Developed by community members, RFMA has filed papers as a non-profit corporation in the state of Colorado, and has been incorporated as a Colorado non-member corporation with pending 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Key founders come with a variety of backgrounds and a deep desire and commitment to help expand the opportunities for the children and families of south Adams County. Several grew up in the inner city, some are members of various youth groups serving disadvantaged youths, and one is a long time student advocate who has been trained and performed training in school leadership through the “Building Excellent Schools Fellowship” and through an internship at KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy. Tina Brewer is a CPA working for Janus Capital Group, Inc.; Scott Flores has worked with Latino students for more than 10 years; Fritz Garger works with the tennis association which will partner with RFMA’s students; Victor Hernandez works with the community group Urban Peak; Susan Molina has volunteered with The Metro Organizations for People to improve the quality of education in our schools for the past five years; Tonie Moya and Art Silva bring additional experience to the team; and Marcos Martinez is a teacher, member of Metro Organizations for People and has attended the Building Excellent Schools Fellowship.

B. Extent of “Maximum Flexibility”

RFMA anticipates being afforded maximum flexibility under the Charter Schools Act in the charter contract. The mission, vision, curriculum and governance models were fully developed by our founding board members. The Head of School will manage the financial operations of the school with overall fiscal accountability being the responsibility of the board of directors. The Charter School Institute is committed to providing maximum flexibility with appropriate accountability.

C. Waivers

Waivers were developed using a combination of recommendations on “standard waivers” communication with other schools and discussion with CSI members and founders. All waivers requested by the school were granted by CSI.

D. District Purchased Services

At this time, RFMA does not plan to purchase any “district” services and has the freedom to develop its own plans for services, including business functions, professional development, curriculum development, and special education.

Disclosure Information

A. Established Agreements or Contracts

The Ricardo Flores Magón Academy will not contract with an educational management organization for any services. The Lead Founder has had the benefit of participation in the Building Excellent Schools Fellowship and a three-month residency at the KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy.¹ There will be informal continuing support from both of those places.

B. Service Provider Relationships

The Ricardo Flores Magón Academy has not entered into any agreements or contracts with any service providers, but reserves the right to do so.

C. N/A

ⁱ Building Excellent Schools Fellowship; www.sunshinepeak.org.