

2021 Charter School Bootcamp!



Goal and Mission:

Provide a comprehensive experience and information hub for new schools and their founding members to feel connected, supported, and informed through the process of starting and implementing a new Charter School in Colorado.

We will achieve this by providing:

- new and shared knowledge around starting a charter school;
- a vast amount of resources and connections for the attendees;
- best practices, information, and effective strategies for schools to start strong and remain sustainable;
- access to experts in the field; and
- Opportunity to put information into action!
- Survey!



Growing Minds, LLC



Who We Are!

With over 20 years of experience in the educational field, we are passionate about collaborating on Global, best practices for innovative learning for all ages! We offer collaborative partnerships to develop equity for all students and educators to access programming that we can design to meet your needs. We specialize in high-quality systems, board development, curriculum design and professional development.

Team Profiles:

We offer a diverse group of coaches to support your journey: Human Resources, Replication Projects, Facility Planning, Board Development, Mission, Vision, Value Development, Grant Writing, Special Education Consult

Learn More About Us: [Team Profiles](#)

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Zoom Links for the Bootcamp

Passcode: Charter

Wednesday June 23

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92397804610?pwd=aTUwUDhBVHowVHB0WnVrS0tibWNPdz09>

Meeting ID: 923 9780 4610 Passcode: Charter

Thursday June 24

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91303572628?pwd=dE5mQzVtM0pqWkVxRzFXTko2dXNHdz09>

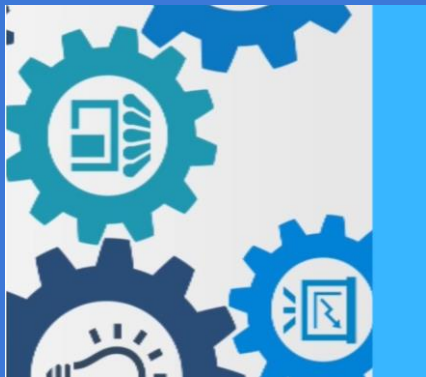
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Friday June 25

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92375220274?pwd=UGlzb01pUUIZOWIFSTQxVIhtakNmdz09>

Meeting ID: 923 7522 0274 Passcode: Charter

Wednesday June 23



9:00-9:05

Welcome by Bill Kottenstette

9:05-9:40

Charter School Overview & Welcome

9:40-10:30

Writing a Quality Charter Application

BREAK

Governor Polis Address

10:40-11:15

Importance of writing your mission and vision

11:15-11:55

Charter School Waivers

LUNCH

12:35-1:45

Panel: Authorizer Relations

1:50-3:30

Workshops & Individual office hours:

Authorizer Relations

Charter Application Process

Crafting your Mission and Vision

Thursday June 24

9:00-9:05

Growing Minds Welcome & Charter Video Story

9:05-9:40

Budgeting 101

9:40-10:30

Facility Planning & Financing

BREAK

10:40-11:30

Governance: How to Form and Manage Your Board

11:30

Charter School Story

LUNCH

12:35-1:45

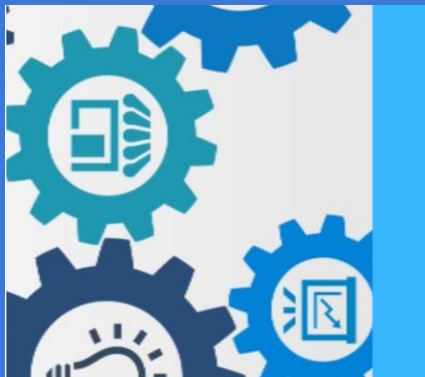
Panel: Facilities

1:50-3:30

Workshops & Individual office hours:

Budgeting & Facilities

Governance



Friday 25 June

9:00-9:05

Welcome - Peg McMillen

9:05-9:40

2021 CSP Grant

9:40-10:30

HR: What You Need to Know

BREAK

10:40-11:15

Serving Special Populations

11:15-11:55

Data, Goals and Accountability

LUNCH

12:35-1:45

Diversity & Equity: Community-Led Framework

1:50-3:30

Workshops & Individual office hours:

Operations: Food Services and Transportation

School Safety: Safe 2 Tell

HR: Best Practices

Culture & Climate





Detailed Agenda with Presenter Information:



[Click Here to View](#)

General Session





Virtual Etiquette

Entering/Exiting:

Please make sure you are muted when entering and exiting a discussion or workshop. Please keep your camera's on so presenters know they aren't talking into the void!

Asking Questions:

Use the "Chat" icon to ask questions. We will try to get as many questions answered at the end of the discussion as possible.

Breaks: Get up, stretch, give your eyes a rest!


Lunch:

You can use this time to disconnect or connect with other participants or presenters if they are available.

Participation and Engagement:

Ask questions, add comments or suggestions to the Chat box so we can learn from each other during presentations. Fully engaged workshop time!





Directory of Presenters
&
Resources Toolkit

Workshop & Office Hours





We want your feedback!

Please let us know how much you learned, lingering questions you may have, and how else we can support you in your planning of a Colorado charter school!

[Post-Boot Camp Attendee Survey](#)

Survey will close Monday 5pm

Workshops

Purpose:

This is a time to get specific, detailed and individual support with your questions. Bring Work! The Workshop is a working time for you, your school team to collaborate and focus on planning projects specific to the workshop topic. Our experts are there to help!

Workshop Etiquette

Entering and Exiting: You are free to move from workshop to workshop. Please mute yourself when entering and exiting

Room Selection: You will see a menu of rooms to choose from. Select 'join'. You will enter that room. To switch to a different breakout room, select 'leave room'. The same choice menu will pop up and you can 'join' a different workshop.

Asking Questions: Workshops are interactive, use the Chat box to ask questions or to leave comments

Breaks: Take a break when you need to. Please make sure you are muted when exiting

End when done: Our day will conclude when your workshop is finished. There is no need to join the main room after your workshop

Office Hours

Workshop hosts will have office hours from 3:30 - 3:45p; contact the host during the Workshop and via the Chat to make arrangements to talk.



Workshop Schedule: June 23



1:50-3:30

Authorizer Relations

Charter Application Process

Crafting your Mission and Vision

3:30-3:45

Individual Office Hours

Workshop Schedule: June 24



1:50-3:30

Budgeting & Facilities

Governance

School Safety: Safe 2 Tell

3:30-3:45

Individual Office Hours

Workshop Schedule: June 25



1:50-3:30
Services &

Operations Round Table: Food
Transportation

HR: Best Practices
Culture & Climate

3:30-3:45

Individual Office Hours

Charter Video Stories: Animas High School, Durango Colorado



**Things you wish you would have known during
the start up process:**

Be patient! Be persistent!

Read more about AHS [here](#)

About Animas High School



Animas High School, a free public charter school that uses project-based learning to prepare students for career, college and life in Durango, Colorado. Founded in 2009 and Serving approximately 200 students in grades 9-12

AHS was founded by a group of parents, educators and community members who saw a need for another high school option in Durango. They researched models across the country that focused on relevance and engagement and landed on High Tech High in San Diego as a school that inspired their design. In the early days, the founders recruited staff from High Tech High alongside local educators. This core group hosted information sessions in family homes and in the community to build awareness and excitement about the new option for families who were interested in providing a relevant, engaging, excellent education for their teens. Families donated countless hours to transform a strip mall into a school. We started with just 9th grade and added a grade each year, graduating our first class in 2013. We moved to our current location in Twin Buttes in the fall of 2014, and next year will be our final year in what we affectionately call "the trailers" as we plan to move into our new, permanent building on the Fort Lewis College campus, thank to generous community support and the BEST Grant, in fall 2022.

Tell us your "why"

We are in this to change lives. The relationships our teachers create with students alongside our experiential programming and teacher-designed curricula push students to discover their passions, build 21st century skills and become engaged citizens. Everything we do is guided by our mission and values:

Animas High School prepares all students for college and postsecondary success by creating critical thinkers and engaged citizens through an innovative, student-centered, project-based curriculum. We accomplish this through:

- Rigorous academics, where all students are prepared for college success
- Culture of excellence, where students are held to high expectations
- Strong faculty relationships, where students are well known.
- Engaging learning, where students see the relevance in their education.

Charter Video Stories:

Battle Rock Charter School, Cortez Colorado



Battle Rock is located in McElmo Canyon about 17 miles west of Cortez. We continue to refine our model, however it has consistently been multi-age and child centered. We utilize restorative practice and building relationships is the highest priority. We believe play and enrichment are integral to education. We also strive to be project based and place based as much as possible.

We currently have 87 students, k-6 and we also serve about 10 homeschool students.

About Battle Rock:



Battle Rock Charter School has been in existence for over 100 years, however we became the first charter school in Colorado when the local district began closing the one room school houses. The canyon community rallied together to establish the charter in 1994. We do not have a director at Battle Rock, rather we have a shared leadership model.

Some things that make us unique:

Because we are so far from town, we have an entire day devoted to specials. Experts from surrounding areas come together and our students rotate through specials one day each week. This gives teaching staff time for meetings and planning. This year our students enjoyed STEM through Durango Power House, outdoor education with San Juan Mountain, art, music, drama, archeology through Crow Canyon, and also Sun and Soil (gardening). Typically students would rotate through 6 specials each week,

We tend to attract many students who do not do well in a traditional setting. We find that because we use restorative practice and are relationship focused, and also because we have longer recesses and flexible seating, many students who might have a behavior plan in a traditional setting, do not need a behavior plan at Battle Rock. In addition, all staff at Battle Rock are trained in the Orton Gillingham method, so we are better able to support all students in reading and phonics instruction. We are currently working to develop a strong math intervention.

I believe our school is successful because of the way our staff is structured. We do not have a director, rather a shared leadership model. All staff have a voice and are part of the decision making. As a result, we are all responsible for the success of our school. We value relationships within the staff as well, and we recognize the unique gifts everyone brings to the table. We also recognize and respect the educational training each teacher has had and trust in their ability to make decisions about curriculum and instruction—rather than providing scripted curriculum. We have loosely adopted curriculum that gives us a pathway, but does not dictate the lesson or materials one must use. As a result, our teachers are passionate about their teaching and their students, and our students love to come to school. In the past 7 years we have grown from 24 students to our current number of 87 (with a waiting list); our students have achieved the highest literacy scores in our area; and we have reignited the passion for many teachers to return to the profession.

Charter Video Stories:

Past, Present or Future...the Charter Message is the same!



A Message from Colorado League of Charter Schools



Diversity, Equity in our Schools:
An Address by Governor Jared Polis



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