



Watts Learning Center

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Meeting Location: 310 West 95th Street – Los Angeles, CA 90003 – Room: Teacher's Lounge

The meeting was called at 11:18am by Eugene Fisher at the Watts Learning Center Charter School in the Teacher's Lounge.

- **Roll Call and Recognition of Guest**

- Board Members: G. Fisher, D. Schregardus, D. Mora, G. Polson, J. Sanders, R. Yalamamchili
- WLC Staff & Regular Guests: J. Lancer, R. Griffin, F. Collins
- Excused Absence: O. Knox, T. Howard, D. Rice, D. Hubbard, S. Fisher, K. Baptiste, G. Windom
- Special Guest: None at this meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment at this Board Meeting.

The WLC Board of Directors opened the meeting at 11:18am in the Teacher's Lounge at the WLC after the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to open the new buildings and atrium on campus. Mr. Fisher thanked the Board for their continued support of the school and its foundation's mission.

Due to the meeting being a shorter meeting with only the Board (E. Fisher, J. Sanders, D. Schregardus, R. Yalamanchili, D. Mora and G. Polson) and Staff (J. Lancer, R. Griffin and F. Collins) every agreed to go over a shortened agenda for the day.

The financials for February and March were tabled and will be presented at the meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the WLCCMS.

Compliance Matters:

We received roughly \$20K during SY 15/16 from the Educators Effectiveness Spending Plan to provide professional development. The Board discussed the spending for the EESP today and will approve at the meeting in June how the funds were spent. Directors asked if the funds could be used for the teachers to attend a state training to move from a preliminary credential status to a clear credential status. As a supporter of BTSA we had let teachers go through the program which isn't required for the school but is required for the teachers at previous meetings we had talked about teachers having a two year commitment to the school instead of leaving right after they get the credential. The recommendation was that moving forward through evaluations of the program teachers who participate would need to show improvement in student learning as provide three examples of students who have made academic progress upon evaluation. There are other contingencies that have been circulated and is available for reviewing. The Directors of both schools and Board of Directors have questions and Dr. Lancer will resend the plan for review which has the specifications for the recommendations. This is only for the approval of the one time funds for the year nor for on going funds.

Fiscal Policy: We went through Oversight visits and we have made some amendments to the policy as per the LAUSD policy and we will be making revisions and bring them to the next meeting for the board to review and approve the amended policy in June. We are taking initiative to move forward

as we move closer to the Middle School Charter Petition Renewal. The goal is to reconcile the policy and makes sure we are on task.

Construction Over-Runs: The new facility at the WLC had some construction cost overages that had to be covered to make sure the building was ready on time for students and because the LLC pays the bill as the landlord, the Board needs to figure out how they would like handle it. There are a few different options as Ryan has discussed with David. We have acknowledged LAUSD questions and we are moving forward and remedy this issue before the fiscal year ends, so we do have time.

Preliminary Budget: Ryan has meet with Kelly and we have a draft for the ES, have not had a budget meeting with Gayle but we should have both budgets together and ready for approval at the next Board Meeting. Nothing out of the ordinary on the budget but we are adding a lot more detail including itemized list and execution plans because it is important to be fiscally responsible and have great plans with the funding that we do receive. Ryan plans to have solid recommendations before Board and Directors review at least two weeks before the meeting.

LCAP: The LCAP is the Local Accountability Control Plan which is a huge document that provides all the funding from the local funding formula. The Directors all both work tirelessly to get that ready for approval and submission.

We have money to spend and we as a Board need to figure out the best way to move our needle strategically. Discussion ranged from options during summer school for coding classes, explorative field trips and etc. The Board will have further discussions regarding the funds by the next Board Meeting.

Salary Schedules: The Board discussed the salary schedules and the schedules will remain the same from last year. **APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/SANDERS**
YES VOTE: YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, SANDERS, MORA, POLSON, YALAMANCHILI

Windom Retirement: The Board wanted the minutes to show that they thank Dr. Windom for her dedicated service and formally accepted her resignation to retire effective June 30, 2018. There will be a meet greet on June 13th from 4-5 and 5-6.

Middle School Charter Petition Renewal: The Board approved the preparation of the Charter Petition Renewal. **APPROVED: MORA/SANDERS**
YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, SANDERS, MORA, POLSON, YALAMANCHILI

The meeting was closed at 11:38am.

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/SANDERS

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, SANDERS, MORA, POLSON, YALAMANCHILI