



Watts Learning Center

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Meeting Location: 310 West 95th street - Los Angeles, CA 90003 - Room 202

The meeting was called to order as a committee meeting as whole at 3:45pm by Eugene Fisher at the Watts Learning Center in Room 202.

- **Roll Call and Recognition of Guest**
- Board Members: G. Fisher, J. Sanders (via phone), D. Schregardus, R. Yalamanchili, G. Polson
- WLC Staff & Regular Guests: S. Fisher, J. Lancer, G. Windom, F. Collins, D. Hubbard, d. Rice
- Absent: R. Yalamanchili, O. Knox, T. Howard, K. Baptiste, D. Mora
- Special Guest: Parent Council Advisor WLCCMS

- **Approval of Agenda and Certification of Quorum:
Approved(Sanders/Yalamanchili)**
Yes Vote:
Sanders
Fisher
Yalamanchili
Schregardus
Polson

- **Approval of March 2016 Meeting Minutes: Approved(Sanders/Polson)**
Yes Vote:
Sanders
Fisher
Yalamanchili
Schregardus
Polson

- **Public Comment – No Public Comments were made at this meeting.**

President's Report: Eugene Fisher

LA School Report: Article talks about 20 years of progress and what our mission is and what we have coming up in the near future. The article was well written and will help to change the narrative of the community. One of the first Charter Schools in Los Angeles with a strong commitment for the students and the community.

Construction: We can see a difference on the campus with the current completions around campus. Still a work in progress. Kudos to Kelly Baptiste for all of her hard work in keeping us on track and still focused on our mission during this time.

Canyon Creek: Glen Polson and Eugene Fisher will work on the logistics of the trip next week. We appreciate the united support from Glen and Ben for their faithfulness in the history of the event. As of today we have raised \$65K.

Passport to the World: We have planned to visit South Africa with visits to Seal and Rubin Island. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 per adult, \$2,500.00 per child.

- **Parent Coordinator – Miranda Henderson:** No report from the Parent Coordinator at this meeting.
- **WLC Parent Council –**
- **WLCCMS Parent Council –** Volunteer hours have been tallied. The September Chat with the Director had four parents in attendance. 1st meeting of the year is on 9/19. Executive Committee met in summer to hash out plans for school year. Election is in November. So far 100 students have signed up for uniforms. College students will be available for tutoring. We have a lot of ideas and are looking forward to increasing the middle school participation. The board has requested additional information on the basketball team.
- **Financial Report – Ryan Griffin of ExED**
 - Financials Elementary & Middle School
 - a. Oversight Preparation: Both schools are prepping in advance for the Annual Oversight visit in March 2018. At the next meeting we need to revisit the fiscal policy to make sure everything remains same and procedures are being applied as necessary.

There are no July and August financials available for this meeting. We do have the check register available for transparency.

Budget wise we are fine financially. There is money that we need to spend for supplies and equipment. Ryan will work with the Directors to make this happen.

- **Procurement Policy:** We are required to go through the bid process. The WLC needs to change from Preferred Meals as we are no longer happy with their services. CDC noticed that we have two vendors, it should only be one because we are one entity. WLCCMS currently uses Better for You. We have more choices with Better for You and we also notice the kids seem to like their food better. Took into consideration the feedback from students. They look at the data and try to meet the needs of our schools, limitations and how they distribute the food. There is also a buyback program for food not used in the contract.

Approval of Procurement Policy: Approved(Sanders/Schregardus)

Yes Vote:

Sanders

Fisher

**Yalamanchili
Schregardus
Polson**

Uniform Compliant: Assurance that we are meeting the state requirements if we are in violation of any state or federal law.

Make changes to Clause 2 & 4- which would be the only change to the original doc.
Added Williams compliance criteria for formal complaint.

Approval of Uniform Complaint: Approved(Yalamanchili/Schregardus)

Yes Vote:

Sanders

Fisher

Yalamanchili

Schregardus

Polson

Suicide Prevention Policy: The new policy is in effect at all schools. Not in compliance with the law as of now trying to update the policy now and will present to the Board of Directors at the next meeting for approval. ASCIP is recommended for training.

Approval of Suicide Prevention Policy: Approved(Yalamanchili/Schregardus)

Yes Vote:

Sanders

Fisher

Yalamanchili

Schregardus

Polson

The Board wants to make sure we are always transparent.

School/Student Achievement

Dr. Jared Lancer – Executive Director

Our goals represent our focus. It is important that we are constantly achieve our students reading and math and craft a style that supports our learning environment for both students and staff.

Status of Schools: We are in the process of finalizing input for action goals. Action plan should help us to move further in our reading and math goals.

LCAP Consultant: The consultant comes highly recommended from Charter Schools it would help us to be consistent with the plan if we review it quarterly.

Survey: recommended by State Department of Education. The survey was recommended for most schools to use.

The meeting was closed at 6:05pm.