



Watts Learning Center

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Meeting Location: 8800 South San Pedro Street – Los Angeles, CA 90003 – Room: 2-108

The meeting was called at 3:43pm by Eugene Fisher at the Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School in Room 2-108.

Roll Call and Recognition of Guest

- Board Members: G. Fisher, D. Schregardus, D. Mora (via conference call) G. Polson
- WLC Staff & Regular Guests: J. Lancer, S. Fisher, K. Baptiste, R. Griffin, F. Collins, D. Hubbard (via conference call), J. Yanez, M. Gamboa
- Special Guest: WLCCMS Teacher Ms. Johnson, WLCCMS Parents: Tashoma Henderson, Lourdes Lopez, Shirleen Shirley

Public Comment: Several Middle School parents came to let the Board know about the noticeable changes and improvement at the WLCCMS this semester. The parents and students both seem to be very pleased with the new culture at the MS with the addition of Mr. Gamboa and his increased visibility on campus. The general consensus was that there is more structure, discipline, planning and a safer campus. The Board applauded and appreciates the improvement so far and are looking forward to continued improvements.

President's Report: Eugene Fisher

- a. Yoga in Education: We currently have a yoga program the ES looking to have one at the MS as well. We would like to use our schools to dispel the myths about yoga especially in the inner city.
- b. Assemblyman Mile Gibson visit: Mr. O' Daniel received an award for the highest performing class in the school at the ES. Mr. Gibson toured the school and will come back for another visit in the future.
- c. Documentary Update: Still working on the documentary to change the narrative of South Los Angeles and Watts. Watts has always been a great place for education and the WLC and WLCCMS are continuing this tradition. More information on the documentary is forthcoming.
- d. State of Schools: The Board is pleased with the improvements they are hearing about this year. They are looking forward to hearing more good things in the future.

Parent Council: J. Yanez

- a. Ms. Yanez gave a brief overview of her current projects at both schools as the Parent Coordinator and as a member of both Parent Councils.

Financial Report: Ryan Griffin of ExED

- a. August and September 2018 Financials: WLCCMS: Enrollment issue across the county but not at the MS. We are currently at an ADA of 97.2% which is higher than budgeted. The students are coming to school because they are enjoying school. Reviewed MS financials and reviewed check register for discrepancies. Reviewed ES Financials and reviewed check register for discrepancies.

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, MORA, POLSON

- b. Fiscal Policy: The Board each reviewed the Fiscal Policy in advance of the meeting. They have approved the recommendation from the Charter School Division.

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, POLSON, MORA

- c. Receipt, Review and Discussion of the most current Annual Performance Based Oversight Visit Report: The Board reviewed and received the Oversight Visit Report. The Fiscal Policy was revised to make changes as requested.

- d. Resolution for each school to have a Credit Card through California Credit Union: The Board and staff briefly discussed the need for the Credit Card for certain campus expenses. It was agreed by all that each school should get a credit card for \$5K each,

APPROVED: MORA/POLSON

YES VOTE: FISHER, MORA, POLSON, SCHREGARDUS

Schools/Students: Dr. Jared Lancer

Action Items:

- a. Approval to modify insurance to include volunteers from ASCIP

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, MORA, POLSON

- b. Stipends

Dr. Lancer commented and reviewed the stipend summary. The Board agreed and approved.

APPROVED: MORA/POLSON

YES VOTE: FISHER, SCHREGARDUS, MORA, POLSON

- c. Position Request: Dr. Lancer discussed the need for a Resource Teacher at the ES and Intervention/Consultant.

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, MORA, POLSON

- d. Request for approval of New ChromeBooks for the ES.

Approved to spend \$112,278.00 on new chrome books for the ES.

APPROVED: SCHREGARDUS/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, FISHER, MORA, POLSON

- e. LCAP

The Board reviewed the narrative summary of the LCAP. We are continuously monitoring the plan for improvements when necessary. Also discussed the seven priorities for the LCAP.

- f. Compliance Monitoring

The Board will need to review and approve prior to the Oversight Visit in January. Want to assure the Board that things are complement on campus.

Dr. Lancer also reviewed the Executive Director summary on the status of schools.

The meeting went into a closed session. The staff was dismissed.

The meeting was closed at 5:54pm

APPROVED: MORA/POLSON

YES VOTE: SCHREGARDUS, POLSON, FISHER, MORA