



Watts Learning Center

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Meeting Location: 8800 South San Pedro Street - Los Angeles, CA 9003

Room 2-108

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order as a committee meeting as whole at 3:54pm by Eugene Fisher as a committee meeting as a whole at the WLCCMS (8800 South San Pedro Street - Los Angeles, CA 90003) in Room 2-108.

Roll Call and Recognition of Guest

- Board Members: G. Fisher, D. Schregardus, J. Sanders, R. Yalamanchili (via phone)
- WLC Staff & Regular Guests: G. Windom, K. Baptiste, J. Lancer, D. Rice, F. Collins, L. Viramontes, Pierre Perez, Lisa Biornes
- Absent: O. Knox, T. Howard D. Mora

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

- **Approval of November 2016 Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and approved by the WLC Board.**
One Correction: There are actually 75 students instead of the 25 mentioned in the November minutes that will participate in the Tree People field trip.
Yes Vote:
Schregardus
Yalamanchili
Sanders
Fisher

- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this meeting.
- **President's Report: Eugene Fisher**
Phase II: There were \$100K in changes that needed to be made of the building plans to comply with city regulations.
Mr. Fisher has been invited to speak at an NAACP event on February 9, 2017. The event will focus on Charter Schools and whether students are better off with them than without them. Mr. Fisher will be one of the speakers that will focus on the history, present and future of Charter Schools.
Mrs. Baptiste, Dr. Lancer and Mr. Fisher had the opportunity to go before the LAUSD Board and speak about the future of the WLC and all present felt the outcome was positive.
Passport to the World - Brazil: Outstanding trip to Brazil. The group really traveled at the family and had the opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime. They had

lessons in geology, geography, culture, ecology and had the chance to visit a Brazilian Rainforest. The students will give an overview of their trip in coming weeks.

Charter Renewal: The Charter Renewal is on Tuesday, February 14th with the LAUSD.

Check Signer Resolution: The Board had the chance to review the resolution in advance of the meeting and all agreed to Eugene Fisher being the official check signer on the WLC bank accounts.

Yes Vote:

Schregardus

Sanders

Fisher

Yalamanchili

Check Policy: There was a brief discussion about the check policy as it pertained to the LAUSD request that the fiscal policy reflect the Executive Director's approval for any check request over \$1,000.00. The Board agree to revise the policy with the "threshold for requiring the ED's approval/authorization for invoices/expenses/purchase request over \$1K " will be removed/eliminated from the fiscal policy.

The amendment to the fiscal policy was approved.

Yes Vote:

Fisher

Schregardus

Sanders

Yalamanchili

Parent Coordinator: The Directors can't seem to find a viable enough candidate to take the position. The Directors have been charged with finding a PC who would work between both schools by February 2017. We want to get them the resources and get them established as soon as possible.

Financial Report: Luis Viramontes

MS: Currently lower than budgeted. We currently have some savings in some categories. We are tracking better than expected. The check register is included in the report for November and December.

ES: Lower income because of construction cost and the new salary schedule that took effect at the start of this school year. Hoping we can get over this phase of construction sooner rather than later to cut back on our current expenses. The check register is included in the report for November and December.

Approval of November and December 2016 Financial Report

Yes Vote:

Sanders

Fisher

Yalamanchili

Schregardus

Tax Return: The Board has reviewed the 990 information and approved the 990 tax form to be filed by EXED.

Approved of 990 Tax Form:

Yes Vote:

Fisher
Schregardus
Yalamanchili
Sanders

Approval of LAUSD 1st Interim Report

Yes Vote:

Sanders
Fisher
Yalamanchili
Schregardus

Adoption of Anti-Bullying Policy

The Board approved the policy before the meeting per the documents provided by Dr. Lancer.

Yes Vote:

Schregardus
Yalamanchili
Fisher
Sanders

Dr. Lancer thanked the Fishers, Mrs. Baptiste, Felicia Collins and Henrietta Fortson for their hard work in getting the Charter Renewal completed and turned in to the LAUSD before the Winter Vacation in December 2016.

ES has made progress in math. Which was noted in Dr. Lancer's bi-monthly report to the WLC Board.

The MS is constantly a work in progress and Dr. Schregardus would like to see more of plan on how we can better our students for present and future success.

There was no closed session at this meeting. Mr. Fisher thanked everyone for their continued support of the mission of our students and the ,meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.