



# Watts Learning Center

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Meeting Location: 8800 South San Pedro Street - Los Angeles, CA 90003

Room 2-108

The meeting was called to order as a committee meeting as whole at 3:45pm by Eugene Fisher at the WLCCMS in Room 2-108. The meeting was made available via conference call for Board Members.

## Roll Call and Recognition of Guest

- Board Members: G. Fisher, D. Schregardus, J. Sanders (via phone) R. Yalamanchili (via phone),
- WLC Staff & Regular Guests: G. Windom, K. Baptiste, J. Lancer, F. Collins, Lisa Biornes, (WLC Parent Council President), Luis Viramontes (via conference call)
- Absent: O. Knox, T. Howard, D, Mora
- **Approval of Agenda and Certification of Quorum: Approved(Schregardus/Sanders)**  
**Yes Vote:**  
Schregardus  
Fisher  
Sanders  
Yalamanchili
- **Approval of March 2017 Meeting Minutes: Reviewed and approved by the WLC Board.**  
**Yes Vote:**  
Schregardus  
Fisher  
Sanders  
Yalamanchili
- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this meeting.

President's Report: Eugene Fisher

**Investment Policy Development:** Looking for ways to maximize money to make it work for us. Reserve money to invest.

**Construction:** Construction of the new building should be complete by the end of May. Things are coming along well. Will demolish the old office building over the summer. On schedule with completion and on budget.

**Documentary:** Mr. Fisher is in contact with the filmmaker about the project. Additional details will soon follow.

**Charter Renewal:** Kudos to the WLC for their hard work with the Renewal Process. The school was on the consent calendar and was praised by the LAUSD Board for their accomplishment. Unanimously approved for the five year extension of the WLC Charter.

**Parent Coordinator:** Ms. Henderson WLC we have had two workshops regarding the POWERSCHOOL portal for parents. Started positive parenting workshop where it was suggested the parents starting a Book Club as well. Both schools started a 1,000,000 word reading challenge in March. Winner will win mini I-Pad.

Update on Volunteer Hours: The total number of hours will be count in May. Monitoring them every three months. SBACK testing is currently taking place. The parents did a Pep Rally on Monday morning for every child as they entered the school,

**HOPE Comes to Watts on Campus:** Going to all rooms speaking with students regarding college. Assigned to students on both campuses. Thank you to Dr. Schregardus for continued support with this program,

**Financial Report: Luis Viramontes**

**MS:** Financials good for both schools. No issues even with small dip in ADA in current month by four students. Not affecting overall budget. Did lose some participation in class in the last three months. Ahead of budget in revenue. Facilities for MS was approved. Expenses going over budget because of salary schedule. Behind on budget in spending on restricted funds. Ordered interactive white boards, chrome books and non instructional consultants, direct services to students next year, Best interest to spend restricted funds from budget.

**ES:** Same as MS, ok financially in everything except for increase in salaries and benefits. Reserve in cash, part used for new building. There was a dip in ADA we lost four students at the WLC as well. Not a major impact in funding. The ADA rate is coming in higher than budgeted. Overall even with construction revenue still ahead of schedule. Doing better than budgeted in ADA>.

**Approval of February and March 2017 Financial Report**

**Yes Vote:**

**Schregardus  
Fisher  
Sanders  
Yalamanchili**

**Salary Schedules**

There were changes to definitions for certification; eliminated step zero. Retroactive credit up to two years without credential. Step A for teachers with credentials. Classified scale updated and consistent with Charter Petition. Eliminating job title of security which is not an official job role at either school. Requires a Board Approval for new position. Still on the scale from last year, The Board has requested that the Directors and ExED to come up with a policy matter regarding the salary schedule.

There is a working draft of the security position, no one is currently holding the position,

**Yes Vote:**

**Schregardus  
Fisher  
Sanders  
Yalamanchili**

**Dr. Jared Lancer: Status of Schools Report**

Operational Updates: Both school recently had Oversight Visits and there were no surprises during those visit. The Board was given a copy to the Oversight Visit Report for review and approval.

**Yes Vote:**

**Schregardus**

**Fisher**

**Sanders**

**Yalamanchili**

Employee handbook updates will be available for Board Members to vote on at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Learning Forum is next week at the WLCAC for the Middle School.

Reviewing expectations for WLCCMS Charter Renewal will provided additional details as we get closer to the renewal.

The meeting was closed at 5:20pm by Mr. Fisher.

**Yes Vote:**

**Schregardus**

**Fisher**

**Sanders**

**Yalamanchili**