

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2020 6:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:33 PM

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Member	Present	Absent
Hope Gawlick	X	
Sian Burman	X	
Nancy Kong-Vasquez	X	
Josh Corell	X	
Michelle Gibbons	X	
Vasa Lokteff	X	
Ashlee Patel	X	
Shannon Simonds	X	
Jed Wallace	X	



III. CELEBRATIONS

MG - First day of school was amazing, seeing the excitement in the kids faces and feeling Westlake in our house again!

AW - So proud of our school and the work done to ensure a fantastic first day of school for our kiddos!

JE - Student said "I love my teacher and I love my school" at the end of her day

JC - Ditto everyone else, school is back, very impressed with how quickly the teachers are bonding with the kids

SS - Video forwarded from a teacher showing all of the online learning and interaction

JW - Wife showed him Westlake's first day on social media and was excited about

VL - coming on to campus and seeing all of the work done over the summer to put structures in place. Everything was laid out for me to just get started on the work I needed to do.

NKV - Amber and her leadership of WAVE, so much grace and patience in her leadership.

AP - Classroom aid and her ability to make the transition for a new student as easy as possible. Easy start to the school year.

SB - Also great first day of school. Persevered through tech issues with older two at their school but yesterday went so much better for her student at WCS.

HG - Communication is key for families and Westlake and WAVE has done a spectacular job.

IV. BOARD COMMENTS

- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is set aside for the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public may speak on agenda items during the time when the item is addressed by the Board. This agenda item is included for the purpose of giving anyone in attendance an opportunity to ask questions or discuss non-agenda items with the Board of Directors. If visitors have a complaint about a specific employee of the school, they will be asked to submit an oral or written complaint to the employee's immediate supervisor as required by Board Policy #08-03 (Please note that the public portion of all meetings is recorded in the minutes.)

Carissa Richards - Living through two days of the 2020-2021 school year and reading countless comments on the parents' WCS Facebook page, I want to say what so many families are saying all around and thinking--thank you!!! Thank you Westlake admin, teachers, staff, volunteers, and families. This is hard! Yes. This is new and difficult, but our amazing school and amazing families make this the best place to be, whether in easy times or in hard times. Thanks to the whole Westlake community for all of the focus, determination, and hard work that is making this distance learning model possible for all of us. The planning and execution are tremendous all around. And our teachers are just so caring and skilled--they are incredible! We all miss all of you.

VI. REPORTS: Copies of Executive Director reports on file at 2680 Mabry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835.

- A. WAVE Report - Amber Husted, WAVE President
Parent Co-op has been launched and is helping 175 families alongside BASE. Parent feedback has been positive, Meet The Teacher and DL Kits. Coffee Talk was well received as well. There was a lot of parent anticipation about the first day of school but it was very seamless. Community appreciates the hard work on the part of the school. First meeting of this year will be brainstorming events for the year.

HG - Appreciates all of the hard work on the part WAVE.



- B. Charter Impact Committee Report - Shannon Simonds, Committee Chair
No committee update
- C. Development Committee Report - Nancy Kong-Vasquez, Committee Chair
No committee update
- D. Finance Committee Report - Sian Burman, Committee Chair
SB- Steve presented budget updates and the committee worked on goals for this year.
- E. Governance Committee Report - Hope Gawlick, Committee Chair
No committee update
- F. Executive Director Report - John Eick, Executive Director

JW - Asks about revenue, expenses and funding for BASE DL camp. Would increase in class sizes help offset any potential expansions of the program? I think there is something we could do to ensure equity but we choose not to do it because of a budget reality because of class size increase. If there is something we should do now that would have helped families then we should look deeper at those options.

HG - Does increasing class sizes mean we would push level 3 or 4 later. Is it better to get everyone on campus?

JE - Will need support of the board with either decision. Good conversation to have and continue.

AP - Wonders if the board understands the reason behind going 6 wide. The decision really lies on "will we get back on campus" if soon we should hold enrollment. If we won't get back on campus then we should consider increasing class size.

JE - Explains plan at level 4. Concerned about adding more pressure and stress on organization.

JC - What will happen for the 21-22 school year if we increase now. How do we forecast that impact going past this year?

JE - Explains enrollment bubble

HG - Reviews waiver process and school reopening

MG - There is a lot of responsibility on schools if they reopen, testing and contact Tracing. Discussion of effects on staff, students and continuity of learning should WCS move too fast to open.

VL - Slowly and continually moving towards reopening keeping the safety of our community in focus.

JC - I don't think we should be first by any means. We have done very well so far and we should continue to observe the impact on our kids. Wait until the time is right and slowly move forward over opening and closing

AP - Agree with others. We are the first at everything because we are focused and so good at being thorough. We are educators and we need to think about who and where we are.

SB - Things are out of our control, testing response is 14 days, this is not a race to win.

NKV - Agree, we need to be mindful about continuing to do what feels right and the appearance to our community.. As a parent it would give me pause if it appears that we are not willing to follow the rules.

JW - Agree that we don't want to be first. The district should not be our baseline. We should revisit later down the road if schools around us do something else. Only willing to embrace risk if it benefits students who need us.



- B. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Accept Grant from the Silicon Schools Fund - H. Gawlick

JE - SSF has approved WCS for an 800 multi year grant for our high school and is engaging us with a network of other high schools also starting in 21-22. Agreement is in negotiation and would like board approval to continue negotiations.

Motion:	AP	Action:						
Second:	JC	Vote:						
HG	SB	NKV	JC	MG	VL	AP	SS	JW
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan
- Goal setting for board 20-21 SY
- HS update/FUA
- Updated attendance stats
- Impact committee - equity work update
- Wait list review of siblings

X. REFLECTION

- AW - Appreciates board’s support of our community and always staying focused on doing what’s best for our kids and staff.
- AP -
- JW - Ditto
- JE - Ditto, and appreciative toward push towards equity.
- JC - Celebrating grant award and what that will do for our high school. Gives us a little flexibility.
- MG - Celebrate commitment that shines through during our conversations. Shows the spirit of Westlake and rowing in the same direction for the children.
- NKV - Ditto Michelle and everyone else. Don’t like that I haven’t seen everyone in person but I appreciate being able to eat during the meeting.
- SS - Ditto, specifically on the equity conversation. Ultimately we are doing this work for reaching equitable situations.
- SB - Appreciated the discussion around reopening and the fact that health and safety is the primary focus of the board.
- SK - Appreciate the unique lenses of everyone on the board, we continue to get better together.
- VL - Appreciates our Explorer students and their perseverance.
- HG - This board goes full steam but also takes the time to be reflective and open minded framework toward approaching hard decisions.



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XI. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:32 PM

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