

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WESTLAKE CHARTER SCHOOL

January 8, 2007

7:00 p.m. at Westlake Clubhouse

I. OPENING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:13 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Sherry Scalzitti-Ephraim		X
Phil Nanni	X	
Robynne Rose	X	
Carol Moore	X	
Gretchen Hanson		X
Paris Coleman	X	
Susie Klein	X	
Community Member		X
Karen Pardieck		X
Christina Maynard	X	
Lisa Kaplan (Non Voting)	X	

**C. PRESENTATION BY MS. CRENSHAW'S 3RD GRADE CLASS—
Information/Discussion**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leann Von Essen: Parents for future kindergarten classes have asked how they can guarantee a position in WCS. Is that possible? Board will address this issue later under enrollment procedures.

Lisa Joseph-Kirkland: I would like to state that the November 14, 2006 minutes mentioning Lisa Joseph-Kirkland's comments are inaccurate and misleading. I was never speaking out about any select few of children. My goal was to point out the need for the school to follow the education codes. Also, I strongly feel that the Natomas Unified school district has shown a great deal of neglect in supporting our charter school in the areas of Special Education. I would like to request a matter be placed on the school board's agenda. I feel it would be wise to educate all the parents on his or her educational parent's rights. I think we should form a parent's

rights committee. I feel it's wrong that a parent should have to pay for counsel, if they have differences? I feel more information needs to be exchanged and shared amongst one another. In addition, I was wondering.....why parents have no say in the matters addressing the decisions to appoint a new community board member. In closing, I hope this year brings love and happiness to all.

III. CLOSED SESSION

- 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 case).

V. PUBLIC SESSION

- 1) RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:49 p.m.
- 2) PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY: No action taken during closed session.
- 3) PRINCIPAL REPORT—Information/Discussion

Principal Baldwin provided update to the Board on current activities.
- 4) BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION—Information/Discussion

Paris Coleman: Not on the agenda is the committee to put together a teacher's salary schedule. Request that a report from the committee be agendized, at least for discussion, at the next regular Board Meeting.
- 5) FINANCIAL UPDATE—Information/Discussion

Jodi Retzloff provided the Board with the current financial summary report. Budget seems to be on track—should come in slightly under budget. Cash flow is currently fine—need to be conservative to compensate for projected shortfall next year. District responded to interim budget update. No questions from district at this time.
- 6) RECEIPT OF ANNUAL FISCAL AUDIT—Action

Motion to approve audit with amendment listed on page 24 deleting one of the 2008s, substituting a 2009 and adding a 2010.

It is recommended that the Board approve
Agenda Item V.6.

Motion: RR Action: Approved
Second: PN Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

7) UPDATE ON PRINCIPAL SEARCH—Information/Discussion

Open position has been posted in a number of venues. Got back a total of eight applications so far. Some out of state, some local. Interview process to begin with first round of interviews on January 15. Four people scheduled for that date so far. Hoping for two more on that date. PN, RR, Jen Duggan, Cliff Blakeslee, Boyce Baldwin and two members of the teaching staff. Hopefully, there will be more to report after January 15. Second round of interviews will be with the Board.

8) FACILITIES UPDATE—Information/Discussion

Facilities Update was distributed to the Board. Update was sent to WCS parents via email. Hoping to hear about initial layout from the architect. Parents have expressed concern about the mixing of the two campuses. WCS has expressed concern to District. Important to note that the committee will ensure that the campus is a safe place for the kids. NUSD School Board has found that K – 8s have been found to be safer than individual middle school. Older children tend to be more cognizant of behavior when smaller children are around. WCS School Board would like to thank Tom McDonagh and Charlie.

9) ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES—Action

Motion: Approve the school application for WCS with the understanding that the paragraph entitled WCS family commitment will be amended as follows:

WCS Family Commitment:

Please be aware that if your child is enrolled in Westlake Charter School, each family is expected to volunteer a minimum of 30 hours per year to help support the school. If your child is nominated to WCS for the 2007-08 school year, you will receive a comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities available to each family.

I have read, understand and agree with the family commitment expectations.

Initial

Entrance packet approval will be action item at next WCS Board Meeting.

It is recommended that the Board approve
Agenda Item V.9.

Motion: PC Action: 6 Yes; 0 No
Second: RR Vote: Approved

Phil Nanni moves to add WAVE Report to item 12. Seconded by Paris Coleman. Substitute prior role call. Approved.

10) UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATED TO CLASS-SIZE AND CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION MATTERS—Information/Possible Action

Both Kindergarten classes will be eligible for class-size reduction money because one parent volunteered to move child solely for the good of the school. Of the eight classes, four should qualify for the class-size reduction money. Two 21 classes will qualify for 40%. Two 22 classes will not qualify. To get full funding class average must be 20.44.

11) COMMUNITY MEMBER APPOINTMENTS—Action

Motion to nominate Ting Sun as community member to fill the rest of the term.

It is recommended that the Board approve
Agenda Item V.11.

Motion: CM Action: Approve
Second: PN Vote:5 Yes; 1 Abstain; 0 No

12) WCS/WAVE POLICY ON FUNDRAISING/EXPENDITURES—
Action

Move to move item 12 to February Board Meeting. Vote was interrupted due to additional information.

Motion rescinded and revised to move item 12 to the March Board Meeting. Second PC: 6 Yes; 0 No. Approved

WAVE REPORT

WAVE Committee provided report to the Board regarding current issues and activities. Report Attached. School-Wide Parent Hours Report submitted by Sherri Sanders. Downloadable form is available online. Board might want to consider online form. Good example of online form is Rocklin Academy.

It is recommended that the Board approve
Agenda Item V.12.

Motion: PN Action: Approve
Second: PC Vote: 6 Yes; 0 No

13) 501 (C) (3) APPLICATION—Action

Move to authorize SYM&M to complete the process of completing the 501C3 as long as the \$5,000 previously allocated is not exceeded. PC/PN sub prior role call.

It is recommended that the Board approve
Agenda Item V.13.

Motion: PC
Second: PN

Action: Approve
Vote: Sub Prior Role Call

Next Meeting(s): Tuesday, February 6 and Tuesday, March 6 (Vote for Parent Rep).

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10: 2 p.m.