

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**WESTLAKE CHARTER SCHOOL**

**July 6, 2006**

**7:00 p.m.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO  
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Westlake Charter School ("School") welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. Blue "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Oral Communications."
3. "Oral Communications" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak when the Board discusses that item.
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6. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Charter School may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Board President.



**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:06pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Sherry Scalzitti-Ephraim	X	
Phil Nanni	X	
Robynne Rose	X	
Carol Moore		X
Gretchen Hanson	X	
Paris Coleman	X	
Debbie Hightower	X	
Lisa Kaplan	X	
Community Member		X
Karen Pardieck		X

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lisa Joseph Kirkland, WCS parent: Concerned about the security measures that will be taken at NMS in regards to a shared campus with middle schoolers. She attended a NP3 charter school meeting and there were no plans for them to leave NMS after one year. She is concerned about behavior issues in Ms. Klein’s class. Kids need to be assessed for special education and 504 plans need to be implemented. What are the schools plans next year regarding behavior? Sherry directed Ms. Pablo to call Ms. Kirkland back regarding her concerns.

**III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Personnel and HR issues

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—7:31pm**

Report from Closed Session: Board voted 6-0 to accept the resignation of the Administrative Office Assistant.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Oral Communications – None**

**B. Principal’s Report (Presented by Board Member)** –Robynne received a phone call from the President of the Natomas Teachers Association (NTA) asking for a WCS teacher contact to discuss WCS teachers becoming part of the NTA. Robynne gave them Christina Thorall’s e-mail address and Brenda made contact with Christina. We don’t know of any further action that has happened. Lisa C. handed out general guidelines for responding to Union Organization as a precautionary measure. Paris: “How many charters are union?” LC: “Very few, but LA and San Diego have some union schools.” Carol: “How much are dues per year?” Robynne: “In Natomas it is \$860 a year per teacher and it is a mandatory cost unless you elect not to be a member for religious reasons and then the money goes to your cause.”

C. **Board Member Comments**

**Board Member Training**—Sherry met with Ting Sun today. Kim had attended the Charter Quality Institute. Ting is a mentor for our charter school through CCSA. She strongly suggested the WCS board goes through the 3 hour training. Board Member will provide the training. Lisa K. “This training should be extended out to other community members who may be interested on being on the WCS board.” Lisa C.: “We could invite other charter schools in the area.” Sherry: “We should invite WAVE to attend and I think the training should be for us now and then a community training with the new board in January.” Board Member: ask Kim for some dates that she is available and then we can e-mail them around and see what works.”

“Let’s

**2006 WCS Golf Tournament**—Phil: The WCS Golf tournament is in the planning stages. Everyone who participated last year has received a mailer. The raffle will be much more professional this year. A pre-tournament BBQ has been added for \$15 a person. The event is Friday, 9/15/06. Lisa K will ask the Natomas Chamber of Commerce to display brochures at their next mixer. Phil wants to raise about 20K from the event.

**Expertise on the Board**—Paris: “Do we need more expertise on the board? At times I have felt inadequate as a board member. Everyone shares one major goal towards the success of the school. Communication is an issue—motives are questioned. We all have a duty as board members to strive towards the success of the school. We need to start moving forward. We need to trust one another.” Lisa K: “My word is very important to me. My intent has always been to have WCS at NMS. Every improvement NP3 makes to NMS will benefit WCS. I want you to talk to Carla the principal at NMS to get the ball rolling. If you hear rumors, please ask me and I can help clear them up. My vote as one board member is for you to be at NMS the year after next. I think your board should get together and socialize, it makes it easier. Sherry: “If you talk to outside parties make sure you share this with the board.” Paris: “I am not pointing fingers at anyone in particular.”

**Strategic Plan**—Paris: “Other matters follow up the Strategic Plan and we can not put together an employee evaluation until we know what we are working with. In the next month, before school starts, we need to review the Strategic Plan and have an evaluation in place.” Peggy McAllister, VP of the WAVE: “From the perspective of the WAVE, we are working on bylaws, plans for next year, how we define ourselves as a group and we are really hashing out how we relate to the WCS board, school etc. We want everything to relate to the strategic plan. As far as we are concerned, the sooner the training, the better for us.” Lisa K: “Implement a strategic plan committee that will take direction from the board.” Lisa C: “Strategic planning was a great team building activity for the founding board. Mike Negrete is awesome and the more people who want to be part of the training, the better.” Phil: Check with Kim on dates and we will e-mail around some times. Sherry will be the lead on getting the board the available dates.

**Sex Offender**—A sex offender is in a holding state and Padilla has suggested that the offender live on his land as a security guard. The land is behind Westlake and not far from NMS. The land is also adjacent to the West Lakeside land that the NUSD is purchasing. Lisa K will take the lead on this issue as she believes that a sex offender can not live within one mile of a school or school site. The land is county land and she will call Roger Dickinson and get back to Sherry with any information or contacts.

**D. W.A.V.E. Report (Cathy Nanni)—None**

**E. Facilities Report—None**

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

None

**VII. FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

**A. Approve minutes from previous meeting.**

**B. School volunteers need to be fingerprinted**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Sherry Scalzitti-Ephraim. Seconded by Carol Moore.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.