



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Location: In Person at Address Below

WISH Community School (6-8) / WISH Academy High School
7400 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045

and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 829 8091 3041

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:17pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Raj Makwana, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Jason Rudolph, Dr. Victoria Graf, Karina Fedasz, Ben Tysch

Staff/Guests: Dr. Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Principals Oney, Lohith and Johnson, Rachel Woodward

Absent: Julie Grimm, Dr. Fernando Guerra

Zoom Participants

Mike Johnston	

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING

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COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Item 1:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	Comprehensive monthly report to the board on all operational and organizational matters, including academic achievement, climate and culture, human capital, and health and safety (including COVID-related matters as required)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	<p>WISH continues to follow the latest guidance from the LADPH, in light of rising number of COVID cases. ELO-P funds are continuing with WLA Extended Day at the ES. At MS, plan is to host winter, spring and summer camps to get more families interested in Got Game, MS after care program. LMU partnerships on both Gates grants is ongoing, Grant #1 filming will resume soon, 23-24 fieldwork and student teachers are in place for Fall. Anyone who qualifies for free and reduced lunch can receive a free laptop courtesy of the YMCA Westchester campus. SBAC data is imminent. Faculty and staff are using embargoed data and internal verified assessment data to plan BOY instructional cycles. School culture is big focus as always due to Principal Lohith's first year and Dr. Johnson's second year. WISH HS students are on their Pali Retreat, and WISH Middle students had their ice cream social today. Facilities issues continue to be challenging but WISH is lobbying for respect for all children and all staff. Hope to have a new petition in October. All enrollment offers have been made. At capacity with a few exceptions. Executive and finance committees have been involved in a close look to support growth. WASC for both TK-8 and 9-12 has been approved for 6 years. Visits garnered high ratings. LAUSD Oversight Reports have arrived from last year's visit and have been evaluated. School Site Council meetings are scheduled bi-monthly Q1 8/23, Q2 10/25, Q3 2/21, Q4 5 / 8. Council members work together to develop an action plan grounded in LCAP priorities. Hiring for 23-24 is nearly complete. All faculty and staff are in the process of completing mandated trainings. TK-12 PD is focused on School Culture, Gifted and Advanced Learner Instruction, Science of Reading and DEI.</p>

Item #2:	Principals Update
Description:	Update from Principal Oney, Principal Lohith and Principal Johnson
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	<p>ES - Principal Oney indicates that everyone is excited to be back on campus, BOY assessments are going swimmingly, reading growth happening, science volcanoes exploding safely, classes thriving and students growing, culture is amazing, centers student council starting next week and PBIS creating positive culture on campus. Reading growth on average over the last 6 years has grown 76.51% for all students meeting benchmarks, average EOY months growth is 11.89 months - highest level of students meeting/exceeding in 6 years, reading coordinator position implemented in 22/23 with reading lab specifically for 1st and 2nd grade levels. MS - Principal Lohith stated that MS had a great start to the 23-24 school year with an emphasis on building positive culture. WEB leaders with great activities and events, BOY assessments completed at 99% across 3 grades, students thriving and receiving support. Teachers building culture with advisory classrooms, teacher community bonding, building humor into lessons, WEB leadership and socials - WEB leaders have been the most involved this year - leadership experiences in planning and executing fun lunch/after school events for our incoming 6th graders. 65% of all WISH Middle students are meeting or exceeding benchmark standards for iReady Math, 47% of students are exceeding standards. Massive growth shown over the year for 22-23. BOY iReady shows 52-60% of students are meeting/exceeding in Reading. 40-51% of students are meeting/exceeding in iReady Math.</p> <p>HS - Principal Johnson noted that HS is in process of revamping/restructuring info tours to make it more student specific, IWT Cycle now includes science which will help CAST results, WASC's action plan to do's are being evaluated in weekly teacher facing feedback survey asking key questions. BOY assessments completion rate is 98% for math, ELA completion rate is 98%, no data for science yet however science team is working very hard. SBAC data is only 11th grade WISH 21-22 61% for ELA vs LAUSD at 47.09% vs state is 54.8% vs WISH 22-23 at 69%. 10% bump in Math. AP updates - school continues to outperform the state of California for AP Eng Composition and AP Calculus. WISH Academy continued to have a 100% graduation rate last year. California graduation rate is 84% for CA A-G rate/LAUSD A-G rate. WISH Academy completed the 2023 school year with 95% college acceptance. UC Acceptance Data 2022 is 79%, state average is 67%. WISH TK-12 was awarded the "Antibias Education Grant" in the amount of \$200,000 today!</p>
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Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of financials and updated forecast.
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min

Minutes:	P2 Enrollment was below budget by 62 students, while state revenues went way down and federal revenues went way up. Operating expenses went down significantly. Audit should be available at the October board meeting. Discussion of a brokerage account which will hold bonds and very secure instruments like mortgage backed securities ensued. This item will be voted on at the October board meeting.
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Item #4:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	No new updates at this time, will add Jason Rudolph to this item for October

Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Strategy session occurred last week. Started to tackle Gala for 2024 - March 9 - so have started to look for locations. Some big items are that a \$50k grant from Ackerman Foundation is almost finished and a \$53k Ahmanson grant for the theater program was received.

Item #6:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	The committee met today. A lot of data was shared per the Principals' presentation. Continuing to look at ways to improve math and science.

Item #7:	CA School Dashboard Indicators
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time.

Item #8:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	There is one open spot so please forward any individuals to the Executive Committee. Will discuss the chart in October.

Item #9:	Board Committee Assignments and Charters
Description:	Discuss current assignments and Committee Charters (still awaiting Facility Committee Charter)
Purpose:	Strategic planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Miles reported that there is a plan to make a few tweaks to assignments so more to come shortly.

Item #10:	CalSAS Monitoring
Description:	Ongoing monitoring and responses to any exceptions identified by the CTC
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Staff are meeting weekly to ensure there are no missassignments.

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS: Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Item #1:	Approval of Board Minutes from August 10, 2023
Description:	Review and approve August 10, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	August Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Tabled until October due to not having enough board members who attended August's meeting.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	ATSI (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement) Plan
Description:	Implementation of policy to support English Learners
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Draxton shared that during COVID EL learners reclassification didn't come in before the deadline which was initially approved. WCA and SSC have reviewed the plan. Swift shifts were made to implement changes to reclassify students. 52% of our ELL population met the requirements for reclassification.

Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 8-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, Makwana, Graf, Goldstein, Fedasz, Tysch, Rudolph, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - N/A).

Item #2:	2023-24 Contracts
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unity Meals ● Pali Retreat - 6th Grade Retreat ● Ride With Us - Accessible transportation contract ● Roar & Snore - 3rd Grade Retreat
Purpose:	Board Review and Approval Required
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	In folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Contracts include current meal vendor, Pali retreat for bottom line number, Ride With Us is for one student who is receiving accessible transportation, Roar & Snore retreat may go over, so asking for formal approval. Jason Rudolph indicated his belief that the threshold is presently too low at \$15K considering our overall budget, and suggested considering readjusting the threshold approval amount for fiscal procedures.

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The item passed 8-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, Makwana, Graf, Goldstein, Fedasz, Tysch, Rudolph, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - N/A).

Item #3:	FY22/23 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for WISH Community School
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Community
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The item passed 8-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, Makwana, Graf, Goldstein, Fedasz, Tysch, Rudolph, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - N/A).

Item #4:	FY22/23 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for WISH Academy
Description:	Review and vote on unaudited actuals for WISH Academy
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Dr. Vicki Graf moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The item passed 8-0-2-0 (Y - Remer, Makwana, Graf, Goldstein, Fedasz, Tysch, Rudolph, McCullough, N - N/A, Absent - Guerra, Grimm, Abstain - N/A).

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action</u> – OAH Case No. 2022110060 Closed session subject to: California Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)(4), 54956.9(e)(2), 54956.9(e)(5)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

Item #2:	Anticipated Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Conference with legal counsel re anticipated legal action</u> – Closed session subject to: California Government Code section 54956.9(b)
Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Anticipated Litigation with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

The Board entered closed session at 6:38pm. The Board came out of closed session at 6:43pm.

Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows:

No action taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.