



Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 9, 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

Password: JqU5rN¹

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Karina Fedasz, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm (left at 5:33pm), Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Matthew Swanlund, Fernando Guerra
Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Mike Johnston
Absent: Dr. Victoria Graf, Dr. Mary McCullough

Zoom Participants

Benjamin Tysch, 407 N McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90004	Mike Johnston
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III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Current Paseo del Rey teachers and parents attended this month’s board meeting in person and on Zoom to discuss LAUSD’s Prop 39 offer to WISH that includes unoccupied space on the Paseo campus. Kelly M., a Paseo teacher, spoke in person regarding potential negative impact, and while she understood that LAUSD has offered the space and WISH has not requested it, will fight against it. Multiple additional Paseo stakeholders shared similar concerns via Zoom.

¹ Please see Notice No. 2 at the end of this agenda for complete public access information. Please note that in compliance with the Brown Act, as modified by AB 361, the physical locations of individual participants are omitted.

IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING 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:	Return to school COVID protocol is no masks or testing required, spring break camp is using extended learning opportunities funds, LMU grants, Breakfast and Lunch programs don't have any changes, looking at certain grade levels which have area of growth, quarter of service, big musical this weekend, prom venue is in a nice hotel ballroom, blood drive is coming, facilities negotiations are ongoing, WASC accreditation this week at TK-8, report will be provided to each of you, Oversight visit coming on March 29 for TK-8 and April 26 for 9-12, Hiring is complete for the school year, PD has been focusing on the power of language and the WASC report.

Item #2:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Met a week ago, strategy discussions at retreat included Raj Makwana looking at quick analysis of facilities costs.

Item #3:	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:	5 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time.

Item #4:	Development/WISHForward Updates
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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:	One WISH One Campus campaign, link in folder for Gala, Board participation is really important. \$1 minimum equals 100% participation. Current finances are \$128k. Karina Fedasz acknowledged the efforts of Michael Goldstein, Raj Makwana, Neal Mendelsohn.

Item #5:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	No updates at this time

Item #6:	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 change at this time. Changes will show after state testing occurs in the spring.

Item #7:	EL Outreach Update
Description:	Outcomes of past outreach/new strategies to be implemented
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	See Executive Director's monthly report
Est. Time	10 min
Minutes:	The most recent tour had 180 participants at the ES, 90 at MS, 60 at HS. Spanish and Amharic interpreters were there as well to support..

Item #8:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	There is one open spot on the board. Board members are encouraged to make recommendations.

Item #9:	Board Retreat Wrap Up
Description:	Discuss March Retreat’s takeaways
Purpose:	Strategic planning
Presented By:	Miles Remer/Julie Grimm
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Miles Remer, Julie Grimm and Karina Fedasz are working on outcomes. Will re-evaluate committees based on Fernando Guerra’s suggestion and tweak board agenda appropriately. Ben Tysch commends Julie Grimm’s work for and at the retreat.

Item #10:	Form 700
Description:	Review of completed and outstanding Form 700 submissions
Purpose:	To update board members on process and due date
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	All Form 700 submissions have been received. Kudos to all Board Members.

Item #11:	WASC Self Study Report and Visit Wrap Up
Description:	Review of report and debrief re WASC stakeholder meetings
Purpose:	Review and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Distributed at Board Retreat, In Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Very positive feedback was received. The WASC team expressed favorable feedback about teachers, board, WISH practices. They really appreciated the children and all the work that is happening at the elementary and middle schools. High compliments from Dr. Draxton to everyone. Fernando Guerra suggested WISH use the tagline as appropriate after fact checking, “WISH is the only WASC accredited elementary and middle school in Westchester.”

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 February 9, 2023 (both written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve February 9, 2023 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	February Meeting Minutes

Est. Time:	2 min
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Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item on the consent agenda, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch via Zoom	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	-
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	2nd Interim Financial Report
Description:	Required financial report to the District due Mar 15, 2023
Purpose:	Board Approval required
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board folder
Est. Time	5 min

Mike Johnston gave a brief overview. Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Suzanne Madison Goldstein seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch via Zoom	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	-
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y

Item #2:	Audit Firm – Renewal and Retainer Agreement
Description:	Required submission of outside audit firm information
Purpose:	Oversight and compliance
Presented By:	Raj Makwana
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	5 min

WISH’s Audit Committee has determined that they are not going to change auditors and will use the same company from the last two years. Audits with this company have been much more smooth and well-organized. . Board members agree that the draft audit layout is better. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Karina Fedasz seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
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Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch via Zoom	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	-
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y

Item #3:	WISH Wellness Policy
Description:	Review updated local School Wellness Policy as tied to the National School Lunch Program, discuss stakeholder input in the development of the policy and annual progress report per 42 U.S.C.A. § 1751, et seq.; 42 U.S.C.A. § 1771, et seq.
Purpose:	Discussion and Vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	In Board Folder
Est. Time	5 min

Tabled item until April meeting.

Item #4:	Vendor Contracts Approval
Description:	Review proposed agreements; discussion and vote re same
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Jennie Brook
Materials:	Proposed 2023-2024 contracts with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 WISH Academy 9th grade Pali Retreat (9/13/23 - 9/15/23)
Est. Time	5 min

High school retreat contract is early because it is a popular retreat destination. Ben Tysch and Suzanne Madison Goldstein reviewed the contract. Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Matthew Swanlund seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch via Zoom	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	-
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y

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 5:54pm. The Board came out of closed session at 6:44pm. Board President Miles Remer reported out as follows:

Item 1 – Board voted 5-2 to authorize ED to continue settlement discussions with claimants as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	N	Benjamin Tysch via Zoom	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	-
Raj Makwana	N	Fernando Guerra	Y

Item 2 - No action taken.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.