

Public Works
Learning Works Charter School

SPECIAL MEETING
November 2, 2012
90 N. Daisy Ave., Pasadena, CA 91107

I. Call to Order (4:20pm)

Meeting called to order by Michael Butler and seconded by Ty Gaffney

Roll Call (Present: Mikala Rahn, Michael Butler, Kathy Lesley, Ty Gaffney, Greg and Sloane Mann (via phone conference). Absent: Dave Banis and Phyllis Hudecki

Others Present (PW staff members: Sherry Oliver, Tomoko Patrick, Patricia O'Driscoll, LW staff member Ana Treto, and LW teacher, Mike Araujo (via phone conference). Also in attendance, potential board member, Nicole Palmentiero.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

Kathy Lesley moved and Michael Butler seconded to approve the agenda.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Board Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Mikala Rahn moved and Kathy Lesley seconded to approve the minutes.

V. Information Items - Update on WASC

While it has been time consuming, we benefit from the fact that Charter Renewal and accreditation (WASC) are happening simultaneously. In November, the WASC Chair visited the school and met with the Leadership Team. He was impressed with the school and by the fact that we were able to provide him with drafts of Chapters 1 and 2. The chair also visited the Homeboy site and received a holistic understanding of our mission and scope. Our chief concern is that the WASC team includes members who are versed in secondary independent study. Board members received an overview of the WASC timelines and visitation schedule.

A reception for supporters who helped the charter school from its early stages till now will be held at the Armory Center for the Arts on December 6 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Also, the Board Members are asked to be present on April 14, 2013 to meet the WASC Visiting Committee at 5:00pm.

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of Renewal Petition

Board members were provided with copy of letter addressed to PUSD Superintendent Gundry asking for clarity of the Charter Renewal process in PUSD. Mikala explained that PUSD is intended to have Cambridge Associates make a visitation to LWCS, similar to what happened for two PUSD charter schools last year. Board members received some materials from Cambridge outlining the domains under examination for such a site visit. It is likely that our district contact will be Meg Abrahamson. We do need to clarify the “clock” for Board action – our understanding is that a 60-day time period begins once the Charter Renewal Petition is submitted. Board members also received an invitation to a Charter Renewal Reception on December 6, 2012 at the Pasadena Armory.

Motion: Kathy Lesley moved and Ty Gaffney seconded to approve the Renewal Petition.

Vote: 5 – 0

b. Approval of Student Handbook

Motion: Mikala Rahn moved and Michael Butler seconded to approve the Student Handbook.

Vote: 5 – 0

c. Approval of Two New Board Members

Provided resume for Nicole Palmentiero, a consistent supporter and volunteer brings a corporate professional lens to our work.

Motion: Mikala Rahn moved and Kathy Lesley seconded to approve the addition of Nicole Palmentiero to the Board.

Vote: 5 – 0

Provided resume for Dr. Eddie Newman, the school’s first principal and an education leader in the community.

Motion: Mikala Rahn moved and Michael Butler seconded to approve the addition of Eddie Newman to the Board.

Vote: 5 – 0

Board members were asked to review their Board Biographies once more.

VII. Adjournment (4:50pm)