

Western Center Academy Agenda

Approved Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Governing Council of the

Western Center Academy

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 4:00 pm

WCA Classroom 4

2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA

A - Call to Order

Minutes

Mrs. Gosch called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm

B – Roll Call

Minutes

Council members present were:

Gisela Gosch

Lakshman Koka

Curt Nordal

Council members absent were:

Lisa DeForest

Joe Wojcik

Administrators present were:

Paul Bailey, Principal

Holly Necochea, Office Manager

C– Closed Session

1. C-1 To discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Principal

2. C-2 To discuss Certificated and Classified Personnel Assignments

Minutes

Mrs. Gosch adjourned the meeting to closed session at 4:13 pm.

D – Reconvene to Open Session

Minutes

Mrs. Gosch reconvened the meeting to open session at 4:14 pm. Item C-1 was tabled to a future meeting.

E – Pledge of Allegiance Followed by Moment of Silence

Minutes

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Nordal.

F – Hearing Session-Opportunity to Address the Council

1. F-1 Hearing Session

This is an opportunity for citizens to make suggestions, identify concerns, request information, or offer objective criticism about matters affecting the school. The President invites anyone wishing to address the Council regarding any item, to do so at this time. If you wish to address the Council regarding an item on the agenda, you may do so now, or when the item appears on the agenda – prior to a vote being taken.

To address the Council, please complete a Comments Card located at the reception table, and give it to the Principal's Secretary. The President will call upon you during the Hearing Session or at the time item appears on the agenda, as indicated on your Comments Card. When called upon, please give your name and then make your statement. You will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Council. Individual speakers shall not give their time to another speaker.

Minutes

There were no speakers.

G – Consent Items

1. G-1 Consent Action

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nordal to place Item G-4.5 on the Consent Item agenda for approval.

Motion made by: Mr. Nordal

Seconded by: Mr. Koka

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

2. G-2 Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2014 Governing Council Meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Koka to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2014 Governing Council Meeting.

Motion made by: Mr. Koka

Seconded by: Mrs. Gosch

Votes:

Mr. Koka – yay

Mrs. Gosch – yay

Mr. Nordal – abstain

3. G-3 Approval of Seventh Grade Field Trips to Birch Aquarium

Approve Seventh Grade Field Trips to Birch Aquarium on October 19th, December 11th, March 5th and May 21st, 2014.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nordal to approve the Seventh Grade Field Trips to Birch Aquarium on the stated dates.

Motion made by: Mr. Nordal

Seconded by: Mr. Koka

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

4. G-4 Approval of Eighth Grade Overnight Field Trip to Astro Camp, Idyllwild, CA

Approve Eighth Grade Overnight Field Trip to Astro Camp in Idyllwild, CA on October 27th through October 29th, 2014.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Koka to approve the Eighth Grade Overnight Field Trip to Astro Camp, Idyllwild, CA on October 27th through October 29th, 2014.

Motion made by: Mr. Koka
Seconded by: Mr. Nordal

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

4.5 G-4.5 Approval of STEM Racing EXPO Field Trip in Phoenix, AZ

Approve STEM Racing EXPO Field Trip in Phoenix, AZ on September 25, 2014.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nordal to approve the STEM Racing EXPO Field Trip to Phoenix, AZ on September 25, 2014.

Motion made by: Mr. Nordal
Seconded by: Mr. Koka

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

5. G-5 Approval of Revisions to Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Approve the revisions to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan to incorporate the addition of high school buildings and staff.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nordal to approve the Revisions to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan to include the high school buildings and staff assignments.

Motion made by: Mr. Nordal
Seconded by: Mr. Koka

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

6. G-6 Approval of Revisions to Charter Renewal

Approve the revisions to the WCA Charter Renewal.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Koka to pull Item G-6.

Motion made by: Mr. Koka
Seconded by: Mr. Nordal

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

H- Information and Discussion Items

1. H-1 Western Center Academy Bylaws

Minutes

Item H-1 was tabled to a future meeting.

2. H-2 Three Year MAPS Testing Trend 2011-2014

Minutes

Mr. Bailey gave a brief explanation of the Three Year MAPS Testing Trends. Mrs. Gosch asked for clarification on the reading scores compared to the math scores. Mr. Bailey explained they are reported on different scales. Although the scores look to be reported lower, they are actually comparably as high as the math scores.

I – Items from the Governing Council

Minutes

Mr. Koka acknowledged the good results on the Maps testing and stated he would like to see continued advancement in the future.

Mr. Nordal stated that he would like to see high school teachers offering help with time management skills with regards to the homework load. Mr. Bailey acknowledged that students enrolled in STEM studio are working towards this goal.

Mrs. Gosch would also like to see a Study Skills type class offered. She encouraged the Council to attend the Science Under The Stars event on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

J – Items from the Principal

Minutes

Mr. Bailey gave a brief update on upcoming events. PTSA will be holding a Goodwill drive on Saturday, October 11th. This will be a school wide fundraiser.

WCA students have requested to organize a Homecoming event for the Robotics Teams prior to their first event this year. Mr. Bailey will help them organize a pep rally for this.

WCA students are working on school news videos.

Mr. Bailey thanked the Council for their support on the Charter Renewal.

K – Adjournment

1. K-1 Adjournment Action

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Nordal to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 pm.

Motion made by: Mr. Nordal

Seconded by: Mr. Koka

Votes:

Unanimously approved.

L – Future Meetings

- 1. L-1 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council – October 1, 2014, 4:00 pm, Meeting to be held at the Western Center Academy, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA 92543**
- 2. L-2 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council – November 5, 2014, 4:00 pm, Meeting to be held at the Western Center Academy, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA 92543**

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