

Western Center Academy Unapproved Minutes

**Special Meeting of the Governing Council
of the
Western Center Academy
June 4, 2013
Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
WCA Classroom 5
2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA**

A – Call to Order

Minutes

Mr. Wojcik called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

B – Roll Call

Minutes

Council members present were:

Joe Wojcik
Erik Ozolins
Lisa DeForest
Gisela Gosch
Curt Nordal

Administrators present were:

Paul Bailey, Principal
Holly Necochea, Office Manager

C – Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Minutes

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. DeForest

D – Action Items

Minutes

Due to Mr. Wojcik and Mrs. DeForest having another commitment scheduled at 4:00 pm, leaving lack of quorum, Items D-1 and D-2 were rescheduled to Monday, June 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

1. D-1 Conduct Interviews of Applicants for Parent Representatives to the Governing Council

Conduct interviews of applicants for the two Parent Representative positions to the Governing Council

2. D-2 Selection and Acceptance of Appointees for the Parent Representatives to the Governing Council

Select and accept by majority vote the appointees to the two Parent Representative positions to the Governing Council for the 2013-2014 term.

E – Consent Items

1. E-1 Consent Action

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Gosch to approved Consent Items E-2 through E-4

Motion made by: Mrs. Gosch
Seconded by: Mr. Nordal

Votes: 4 votes unanimously approved, Mrs. DeForest abstained

2. E-2 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2013 Governing Council Meeting.

3. E-3 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2013 Special Governing Council Meeting.

4. E-4 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2013 Special Governing Council Meeting.

F - Information/Discussion/Reports

1. F-1 High School Facilities Update

Minutes

Mr. Bailey gave an update on the progress of the high school facilities. Twelve portables and one bathroom portable will be moved onto the campus after prep work and grading are finished. This should take place within the next three weeks. Plan checks have been submitted to the City of Hemet. Three of the portable units will have access to water and one will have gas access for science classes. Mrs. DeLuna and Mrs. Serrano will be the first to occupy two of the portables. Types of scheduling are being considered for the high school. An Asst. Principal with a preferable counseling background position will fly the week of June 10, 2013. Hiring will take place for this position in July. Mr. Bailey plans to hold a two level interview process for this position.

G - Items from the Governing Council

Minutes

Mrs. Gosch would like to consider a different day of the week, other than Tuesdays, for the Council to meet next year.

Mr. Ozolins asked Mr. Bailey to check into the possibility of students not receiving credit for all dual classes taken, based on the college choice the student plans to attend. Some colleges will not recognize the credit. He expressed a concern over the heavy emphasis on the CST testing. He felt that students were overwhelmed with staff being overly concerned with students doing well on the CST's based on past performance and the pressure to do better. Mr. Ozolins presented an emailed letter received from WCA parent, Christina Montgomery, addressing concerns with the 6th grade teaching methods.

Mrs. DeForest inquired about the 8th grade math program for next year. Mr. Bailey explained that two separate classes would be offered – Algebra 1 Common Core and 8th Grade Common Core. The 8th Grade class would be offered to students who have already been identified as needing a slower paced class to master the 8th grade Algebra expectations. These students were identified using MAPS and will be confirmed with CST's. Mrs. DeForest would like to see a Vision for the high school (band, sports, etc.) She would like to see the new Asst. Principal involved in the process. Mrs. Gosch suggested that Mr. Bailey research what other charters are offering. Mr. Bailey is to provide a report to the Council by August of what is being looked at, with direction to be offered from the Council in September.

Mr. Wojcik inquired about the sibling process used in the lottery. Concern is that siblings are asking to enroll, but are being turned away because the current sibling is not a returning student for the following year. Mr. Bailey stated that he would like to see a continuity of families whose siblings have given the full 3 year commitment to WCA. It was requested that this item be brought back for discussion.

H – Items from the Principal

Minutes

Mr. Bailey gave an update on the following items:

Turf – MWD has committed to helping with ½ the expense of replacing the turf area of the campus. WCA and WSC would split the remaining cost. It is estimated the turf will cost \$47,000.

Late start – Staff would like to continue the late start schedule. Mr. Bailey explained that a separate MOU agreement between WCA, HTA and HUSD would need to be in place to do so. Mrs. Gosch suggested that we keep the schedule the same as the rest of the District schools, but offer a morning session class that students could attend while teachers meet on those Tuesday mornings. Mrs. DeForest suggested that we have an early release Friday schedule of students and teachers could meet after school.

MSJC Accuplacer Testing – Dual enrollment has never been offered prior to 11th grade. We do have some 8th grade students that placed in Math 105 and English 101.

Mr. Wojcik and Mrs. DeForest departed the meeting at 3:35 pm

I – Closed Session

Minutes

Mr. Ozolins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 3: 50 pm

1. I-1 To discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Principal
2. I-2 To discuss Certificated and Classified Personnel Assignments

J – Reconvene to Open Session/report Out From Closed Session if Needed

Minutes

Mr. Ozolins reconvened the meeting to Open session at 4:01 pm. There was no information to report out from Closed session.

K – Adjournment

1. K-1 Adjournment Action

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Gosch to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm

Motion made by Mrs. Gosch

Seconded by Mr. Nordal

Votes: Unanimously approved

L – Future Meetings

1. L-1 Special Meeting of the Governing Council, Monday, June 24, 2013, 6:30 pm, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA, Classroom 5
2. L-2 Regular Meeting of the Governing Council, Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 4:00 pm, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA, Classroom 5
3. L-3 Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Council Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 4:00 pm, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet CA, Classroom 5

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