Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee

NCWP Education Committee Members
Michele Cooley Strickland, M.Ed., Ph.D. – Chair
Grace Yao – Co-Chair
Andrew Kamm
Matthew Tecle
John-David Webster
Denny Schneider
Bryan Williams

Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2016

Westchester Municipal Building Room, 7166 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045

1. **Members Present:** Michele Cooley-Strickland (Chair), Grace Yao (Co-Chair), Denny Schneider, John David Webster, Matthew Tecle, Andrew Kamm **Absent:** Bryan Williams

2. The meeting was called to order by Matthew Tecle at 6:33pm.

3. The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes from the March 23, 2016 meeting.

4. The Committee welcomed guests attending today’s special meeting, including: Karen Long, Director Local District West; Gwen Vuchsas, Emily Lee, and Anthony Iglesias.

5. **Announcements** from Local Education Group Representatives included:
   a) **LMU Community Relations** – Grace Yao announced:
      i. Cheryl Hildreth was on LMU campus for women in leadership lecture.
      ii. LMU Commencement: Bill Clinton will be speaking on May 7th, 2016.
      iii. LMU Day of Discovery: Sunday November 6, 2016.
         a. This will be the 2nd Day of Discovery.
         b. Possibly hosting a challenge with Boeing for all age groups.
   b) **LAUSD** – Karen Long announced:
      i. College signing day in on May 1st.
      ii. Students are encouraged to take selfies and promote college gear.
      iii. The April 18th Collaborative Workgroup was postponed until after testing and will resume in May and June.
      iv. Academic Year 16-17 will be planning and 17-18 will be implementation.
   c) **Otis College of Art and Design** – Matt Tecle announced:
      i. The Annual Senior Exhibition Preview will be held at Otis on May 14, 2016 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.
      ii. There will be a reception and art from the senior class.
   d) **Others** – Gwen Vuchsas announced:
      i. Teacher Eddy Awards: Largest turnout in the history of the event.
      ii. There were 23 schools that attended—including Venice High School.
      iii. 4th of July Parade: Theme is 75 Years of Westchester.
      iv. The Parade will be a kickoff to a series of events celebrating the 75th anniversary of Westchester.
      v. LAX Coastal Chamber Education Committee: Last meeting on May 6th and then it goes dark for summer.
   e) **Others** – Anthony Iglesias announced:
      i. EverFi is launching new programs with City National Bank and the LA Rams.

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Our NCWP Education Goal: To engage the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista community in support of advancing the success of the local elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as that of the local colleges and universities, manifested by enhancing: i) School resources; ii) students’ educational experiences; iii) parental involvement; and/or iv) community partnerships.
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ii. Management Leadership for Tomorrow: High School student program.

No Other Public Comment

Action Item One: UPDATE on the LAUSD Instructional Pathways Collaborative Work Group exploring a single- or dual-instructional pathway at Wright Middle School

   i. The Neighborhood Council Board has approved of the survey developed in the Education Committee.
   ii. Grace will craft the email introduction to be sent to the listserv.
   iii. The Committee will use social media and online outreach to engage respondents.

b) LAUSD School
   i. Magnet
   ii. Pilot
   iii. Charter
   iv. Traditional/Neighborhood
   v. Intra-District Permit

c) Private Independent/Parochial

d) Independent Charter

e) Public School (Outside of LAUSD)

f) Home School

g) Preschool/Nursery School

h) Other (Please Specify)

All other changes to be arranged between Karen Long, Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland, Grace Yao, and Matthew Tecle

Next Meeting May 25th, 2016 in the Weschester Community Room

Motion to Adjourn 9:00pm
Motion Passed