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

2. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland at 6:33pm.

3. The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting.

4. The Committee welcomed guests attending today’s special meeting, including: Gwen Vuchsas, John Brown, Diane Kaiser, Anthony Iglesias, and Judy Utvich Lead Instructional Director in District West from Ms. Hildreth’s office.

5. **Announcements** from Local Education Group Representatives included:
   a) **LMU Community Relations – Grace Yao announced:**
      i. LMU Race for Success: The LMU Race for Success 5k/1k run walk will be held on March 5 on LMU’s campus. It is the biggest fundraiser for the LMU Family of Schools.
   b) **Otis College of Art and Design – Matt Tecle announced:**
      i. The 5th annual Otis Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11am directly north of the Santa Monica Pier. There will be over 3,000 free sustainable kites to give away to any attendees. Kite artists from across the US fly in to showcase their kite sculptures. Ms. Utvich will email principals the poster.
   c) **Others – Gwen Vuchsas announced:**
      i. SeePolitical: The nonprofit SeePolitical presented at the Playa Venice Rotary Club on February 24. Nate Kaplan, Executive Director, creates fun and informational animation videos describing California ballots and civics. The free videos can be found at [http://www.seepolitical.org](http://www.seepolitical.org).
      ii. Teacher Eddy Awards: There will be 20-22 honorees at the LAX Hilton on May 10. All come from local schools and universities.
      iii. District Arts Competition: March 5 will be the Rotary District Arts Competition where local students perform art, dance, speech, and music for a $1,000 prize.
      iv. LAX Coastal Chamber Education Committee: Meeting on March 4 at 8am.

**No Public Comment**

**Action Item One:** **Upcoming Community Outreach Activities**

1. First Fridays in Westchester will be on March 4, 2016. The Neighborhood Council will have representatives attending.
2. LMU’s Race for Success will be on March 5, 2016. The Education Committee will have a booth. Michele and Matt will be manning the booth. Last year, the Neighborhood Council Education Committee handed out an education survey.
3. This year, the Committee will not distribute a survey.
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Action Item Two: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s Funding Update: Board Members & Awards to Schools

1. Michele Cooley-Strickland distributed the Empower LA Neighborhood Purposes Grant sheet.
2. The sheet states that Neighborhood Council Boards are not able to fund projects at schools where a Board Member’s children attend.
3. Disincentivizes participation.
4. Not all Board Members even received the letter.
5. Vote on whether committee recommends to fill Board in opposition of Empower LA grant distribution practices.
   i. Motion approved.

Action Item Three: Update on the LAUSD Instructional Pathways Collaborative Work Group

1. A letter went to Superintendent King congratulating her on her promotion.
2. There have been two meetings of the collaborative workgroup, which Michele Cooley-Strickland is a member of.
3. Ms. Hildreth is leading the upcoming meeting on February 29.
4. Purpose of the collaborative workgroup:
   i. Facilities usage and updates: this is mostly done at Beaudry.
   ii. Design instructional pathways.
5. They are attempting to bring another instructional pathway to Wright Middle that includes STEAM.
6. The Group is trying to understand what and why a second pathway is necessary.
7. Other potential pathways: International Baccalaureate and Film and Theater
8. Principals and parents are both represented in the Work Group.
9. LMU representatives spoke about what a demonstration school would look like.
10. Next Work Group will discuss enrollment.
   i. Ms. Hildreth is looking for public comment and feedback on the plan for Wright Middle.
11. Darren Early spoke about the Family of Schools.
12. Mary Krekorian from LMU discussed strategic partnerships and how they fit into schools.
13. Many Aceves who is the Associate Dean at LMU’s Education Department spoke about creative the next generation of teachers.

The next NCWP Education Committee meeting is March 23, 2016. Meetings are regularly scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.