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Grace Yao – Co-Chair  Matthew Fede
Andrew Kamm  John-David Webster
Denny Schneider  Bryan Williams
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4. New Business

a. An update on the status of the LMU Family of Schools and NCWP Education Committee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) was provided since it was posted on the NCWP Education webpage with a downloadable PDF http://www.ncwpdr.org/westchesterplaya-schools-FAQs-neighborhood-stakeholders. It was recommended that the FAQ link be added to the NCWP webpage and Twitter Feed.

b. Yesterday’s "It Takes A Village" – Westchester/Playa Community/Business Leaders Breakfast on Education was very successful. It was co-hosted by LMU, the NCWP Education Committee, and the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce on the Coffee Company, 8751 La Tijera Blvd, Los Angeles 90045. (See the Supporter Database survey at http://community.lmu.edu/education/supportinglocaleducation/). Dr. Darin Earley, Director of the LMU Family of Schools, was an exceptional keynote speaker and there was excellent attendance. The infrastructure was established to begin to meet the goal of connecting local stakeholders and resources to our community’s schools and will remain an ongoing collaborative effort.

c. An update and discussion on the NCWP’s response to Westchester Secondary Charter School’s request to enlist the NCWP’s assistance in engaging our local representatives and stakeholders to maintain the school within the boundaries of the Westchester community, currently located at 8820 Sepulveda Eastway, L.A., 90045.

Janet Landon (WSCS Principal/Co-Founder) expressed her appreciation for significant support and actions from the NCWP Education Committee in working to advocate for WSCS. These efforts included successfully bringing a motion to the NCWP Board which voted unanimously to send letters drafted by the NCWP Education Committee to: Councilperson Mike Bonin and LAUSD School Board Member Steve Zimmer, with copies sent to Hon. Maxine Water, Congresswoman, 43rd District; Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District; Hon. Autumn Burke, Assemblywoman, 62nd District; Hon. Mark Ridley Thomas, Supervisor, 2nd District; Hon. Ramon Cortines, LAUSD Superintendent; Hon. Richard Vladovic, Board President, LAUSD Board of Education; Hon. George McKenna, 1st District, LAUSD Board of Education.

A motion was made and passed unanimously for our next steps to include the NCWP Education Committee requesting an in-person meeting with LAUSD School Board Member Steve Zimmer to both advocate for the relocation of WSCS within Westchester as well as to renew/reinvigorate a supportive partnership between his office and the NCWP.

d. A discussion was held about NCWP Education and Outreach Activities at the 2015 Race for Success Post-Race Expo. Because it is a very successful community-wide fund raiser for 14-16 different local schools, a motion was made and unanimously approved to staff a NCWP Booth at the event, pending approval from the NCWP Board.
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**MEETING MINUTES – March 25, 2015**

4) **April 11, 2015** – 10am-4pm (Santa Monica Pier) **Otis College of Art and Design’s Fourth Annual “Gallery in the Skies”** day of free kite-building and flying. Buses are available from the Otis campus in Westchester to the Santa Monica Pier. For more information: [http://www.otis.edu/calendar/4th-annual-kite-festival](http://www.otis.edu/calendar/4th-annual-kite-festival)

5) **April 17 and May 8** (LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce): **LAX Coastal Chamber’s Education Committee** monthly meetings

6) **April 25, 2015**: 8am at LMU **Race for Success and 10am Post-Race Expo**– 8am 5K run; 10am 1K for Kids. **Proceeds are shared between participating schools.** Free parking, cash prizes, team running, chip timing, and race t-shirt. Information and registration: [http://raceforsuccess5k.org/](http://raceforsuccess5k.org/)

7) **May 13, 2015** – 32nd **Annual Teacher Eddy Awards Dinner** at Hilton LAX

8) **Suggest a Parklet, Plaza, or Bicycle Corral Location.** People Street is a Los Angeles city program looking to enhance underutilized public space. A parklet is an expansion of the sidewalk into one or more street parking spaces to create people-oriented places. Sponsored by LADOT and the City of LA. Forward your Westchester/Playa location suggestions to Fred Sutton, Westchester/Playa Field Deputy for Councilman Mike Bonin at Fred.Sutton@LACity.org - Learn more at: [http://peoplest.lacity.org/peoplest-parklet-map/?embed=true#sthash.smlD1thf.dpuf](http://peoplest.lacity.org/peoplest-parklet-map/?embed=true#sthash.smlD1thf.dpuf)

9) **July 25-August 3, 2015** - **Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles**. Volunteer opportunities available now; [http://www.la2015.org](http://www.la2015.org)

5. **Next meeting** – The standing meeting time and location of the NCWP Education Committee is the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Westchester Community Room. The next NCWP Education Committee meeting is **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the Board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: [www.ncwpdr.org](http://www.ncwpdr.org) or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the NCWP Education Committee Chairperson, Dr. Michele Cooley Strickland at mcoolstrick@gmail.com.