

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITIZENS OF THE WORLD
CHARTER SCHOOL**

Date: Monday, September 19, 2011 Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Location: Citizens of the World Charter School – 1316 N. Bronson Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90028
Mini Auditorium (RM 260) 323-464-4292**

MINUTES

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- Deborah Lee
- Josh McLaughlin
- Kate Sobel (by phone)
- Craig Tessler (by phone)

II. Invitation for Public Comment

There were several opportunities for public comment throughout the evening. Teacher Nikki Grakal asked whether merging with the national network would cost CWC Hollywood anything financially. The response was that there will be no fees and that schools would have the option to contract with the member services organization (mso) envisioned to be added in the future. The mso would be to serve schools at lower cost than commercially available in areas like IT, HR, accounting, etc. and would be governed by the regional clusters to ensure accountability to schools. Parent Yana Shampansky inquired why CWC Hollywood doesn't just expand/increase enrollment instead of opening a second school in order to be large enough to feed a 400-500 student high school. The response was that elementary/k-8s of ~1,000+ students tend to not provide the level of personalization where every student is known so it's more desirable to have two small schools.

III. Board Review and Approval of Minutes from the 9/1/11 Board Meeting (ACTION ITEM)

Josh McLaughlin moved to approve the minutes, Craig Tessler seconded the motion, Kate Sobel suggested amending the minutes by removing the reference to Silver Lake in item VI of the agenda and the amendment was accepted and the minutes adopted unanimously.

IV. Board Discussion with Invited Representatives from Citizens of the World Charter Schools (the network) about Potentially Merging

Kriste Dragon, Hillary Johnson and Gene Straub and their board, Mark Gordon, Cam Starrett and Chris Foreman of Citizens of the World Charter Schools (the network) attended the meeting. Kriste Dragon gave a power point presentation describing the network – its mission, leadership, vision, its core principles and beliefs along with the governance structure, what the national network will provide schools and about the opportunity to join. The network aims to be the highest performing and most diverse national network of neighborhood charter schools. Some of the common threads in communities the network is looking at opening schools include rich diversity and public schools that tend to be segregated and low performing with a significant portion of the population pulling out of the public system. Some of the common beliefs of the network are that talent is the key to schools' and the network's success and that all CWC schools will share a commitment to academic excellence, diversity and community. The structure is what's previously been presented – a national network (separate 501c3) focused on growth, strategy, and launching new schools, then regional clusters (separate 501c3s with own boards) overseeing two groups/pods of K-12 schools and in the future a member services organization to provide cost sharing through economies of scale in various back office services would be available and would be governed by the regional clusters. To ensure high quality among all the regions and groups of schools the national network would be the sole statutory member of the regional boards with the ability to appoint and remove board

members if regions aren't effectively serving students in keeping with the mission. In terms of the support the national network will provide it will include organizational capacity and oversight of the rollout of new schools providing support in the areas of organizational planning and growth (identifying locations, facilities, fundraising, community organizing), academic planning and support (drafting charters, curriculum consulting, professional development and assessment), talent planning (board development and school leader recruitment and selection) and administrative support (IT, HR, Data systems, compliance, training). There was then a question and answer portion where the CWC Hollywood board asked their questions and questions gathered from the community and the national group responded to both those and the questions asked during public comment.

V. Board Chair Comment

VI. Executive Director Comment

VII. Confirmation of Schedule for next Board Meeting 9/22/11 at 6pm

Adjournment

** Board Member Kate Sobel will join the meeting by phone from (917)-331-3621 from 359 Saint Marks Ave. #2 Brooklyn, NY 11238; Craig Tessler may join the meeting by phone from (310) 721-1385 from 1990 S. Bundy Dr. Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90025*

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