

# Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Education Committee



## NCWP Education Committee Members

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## Special Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2015

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

Members Present: Michele Cooley-Strickland (Chair), Grace Yao (Co-Chair), Denny Schneider, Matthew Teclé, John David Webster, and Bryan Williams

Members Absent: Andy Kamm

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland at 11:10am.

Minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting were not available.

The Committee welcomed guests attending today's special meeting, including: Sara Roos (Co-Chair, Mar Vista Neighborhood Council Education, Culture, and Arts Committee) and Diane Kaiser (Westchester resident).

There were no announcements from Local Education Group Representatives or Public Comments.

1. Action Item One: "**Westside Public Education Community Meeting**" featuring Elected Officials and School Representatives on October 26, 2015 from 6:30-8pm at Wright Middle School STEAM Magnet (6550 W. 80th Street, Westchester). See attached **meeting flyer**.

The education event is merely five days away. We have confirmed participation from Assemblyperson Patrick O'Donnell (Chair, CA Assembly Education Committee), Michelle King (Chief Deputy Superintendent), Cheryl Hildreth (Instructional Area Superintendent, LAUSD Educational Service Center, West), and Steven Zimmer (LAUSD School Board President and District 4 Representative), who will each serve as panelists. Representatives from the offices of Senator Benjamin Allen (i.e., Fernando Morales), Councilperson Mike Bonin (i.e., Fred Sutton), and Assemblyperson Autumn Burke (i.e., Odysseus Bostick) have confirmed their attendance and will provide brief synopses of their education platforms regarding the Westside. This meeting represents a collaboration between five Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils: Westchester/Playa, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Venice, and Westside Village. The audience will be comprised of parents (with or without school-aged children in public schools), teachers, principals, residents, and other stakeholders who are interested in strengthening our publicly funded schools. The Committee discussed the logistics for the event. The format was finalized and event assignments were made.

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. However, because of the holidays, the next NCWP Education Committee meetings will be on irregular dates, specifically: November 30 and December 16, 2015 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

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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.*