



## WESTLAKE ACADEMY

### *Mission / Vision Statement*

*Westlake Academy is a nurturing, community owned International Baccalaureate Charter School whose mission is to achieve academic excellence and to develop life-long learners who become well-balanced, responsible global citizens.*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE RETREAT

### A G E N D A

**July 2, 2009**

**MARRIOTT SOLANA  
5 VILLAGE CIRCLE, WESTLAKE, TEXAS 76262  
ROOM 3  
8:30 A.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.**
- 2. UNDERSTANDING GOOD GOVERNANCE PRESENTED BY DR. BRIAN L. CARPENTER, CEO OF NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS INSTITUTE.**

Dr. Carpenter will present and lead a discussion regarding Charter School Governance:

- The three purposes of a Board
- Two easy-to-remember key words that readily distinguish whether almost any issue before the board is one of governance or management
- The role of policy in good governance.
- The only three ways to monitor compliance with policy
- The three key aspects of fiduciary responsibility
- Five things research tells us about failed charter schools
- How the “seniority of documents” concept applies to charters
- How to use a four-sided model that enables the board to strategically establish and evaluate student outcomes
- The 30/30/30 board agenda structure

- The 80/20 principle as it applies to boardroom discussions
- The proper use of committees
- Why approving operational processes weakens the board
- What it means for a board to “speak with one voice”
- How the board knows that it has spoken.
- The board’s role in resolving parental complaints or concerns.

**3. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WESTLAKE ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE, INCLUDING POLICIES, FINANCES, AND RELATED MATTERS.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT.**

**ANY ITEM ON THIS POSTED AGENDA COULD BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS LONG AS IT IS WITHIN ONE OF THE PERMITTED CATEGORIES UNDER SECTIONS 551.071 THROUGH 551.076 AND SECTION 551.087 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above notice was posted at the Town Hall of the Town of Westlake, 3 Village Circle, on Friday, June 26, 2009, by 4:30 p.m. under the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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Kim Sutter, TRMC, Town Secretary

If you plan to attend this public meeting and have a disability that requires special needs, please advise the Town Secretary 48 hours in advance at 817-490-5710 and reasonable accommodations will be made to assist you.