

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2020

1. **Call to Order.** 5:10
2. **Roll Call and determination of a quorum. Members of the committee: Adam Brown (Alternate), Rafael De La Rosa, Anthony Forsmark, Joe Kozul, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, D. Jane Peros, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Manchester, Meredith, Peros, and Petersen were present.

3. **Approve Minutes from the October 2019 meeting.**

Manchester moved to approve, Peros seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

4. **Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items.**

Two members of the public were present. No comments.

5. **Update on the “LAUSD Board Meeting Accessibility to the Public” Resolution.**
<https://tinyurl.com/y9lqs9nn>

No update on the progress of the resolution. Board Member Schmerelson is working on finalizing a remote connection between the City Hall Annex in Van Nuys and the meeting so that members of the public can participate.

6. **Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) requests from Dearborn Elementary (<http://bit.ly/2WuN4HO>) and Parents Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA). (<http://bit.ly/2HzqANd>).**

The Dearborn NPG is still in limbo. The PSEA NPG has been funded.

7. **Discussion about the document presented to the Northridge East Neighborhood Council by the Northridge West Neighborhood Council Ad Hoc Committee for a Town Hall to Address Sex Ed in Local Schools (<http://bit.ly/35H3tK0>). Possible Motion.**
8. **Motion to recommend action on the request from Northridge West NC to support a Town Hall in collaboration with other NCs to address sex education in California public schools.**

"The Education Committee recommends that the NENC not participate in the Town Hal to Address Sex Ed in Local Schools being held by the Northridge West Neighborhood Council and to express concern that as planned the event is one-sided and biased."

Moved by Meredith, seconded by Peros. Passed 4-0-0

9. Discussion of the proposed plan to relocate CTC-West from the campus of Fairfax High School. Include in the discussion the role of Career Transition Centers in the LAUSD. Possible Motion.

Ralph Hopp, a member of the public, complained that this was not a local issue and should not be discussed by the committee. When the discussion continued, he threatened to file a complaint.

CTCs (Career Transition Centers) were explained. They are schools that serve students with severe special education needs after they have culminated from high school until the age of 22. Students who receive a high school diploma are not eligible. They teach vocational skills to these students to help prepare them for maximum self-sufficiency after they leave the LAUSD.

LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin is trying to evict a CTC from Fairfax High School in order to start a new middle school. This is being opposed by the CTC West community.

Committee would like input from the neighborhood council representing Fairfax High School.

10. Outreach to schools within the NENC boundaries. Include guidance to Board for Neighborhood Purpose Grants during this fiscal year, currently set for \$6,000. Should this outreach extend to schools that are located outside the NENC boundaries but provide services to students who live in Northridge East?

No updates. A consensus was reached that the committee feels that it is best to limit NPGs to schools within the boundaries of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council.

11. Discuss vacant Appointed Youth Seat and outreach to help find candidates.

No update.

12. Discussion of how schools can receive assistance with fundraising efforts.

Ken Ross requested the item but did not attend.

13. Discussion of how to facilitate the creation of a program to aid the transition of students from Northridge Academy High School to CSUN.

To be considered at a future meeting.

14. Discussion about the petition calling for an investigation of Nick Melvoin (<https://www.change.org/p/lausd-school-board-investigate-nick-melvoin>) and other issues related to the LAUSD Board.

To be considered at a future meeting.

15. **Set date and location for the next meeting and receive ideas for future agenda items.**

March 4, 5:00

16. **Adjournment 6:23**