

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2020

1. **Call to Order.** 5:12
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, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Manchester, Meredith, and Petersen were present.

**5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials: LAUSD BD 3 (Tara Vahdani).**

- A. Holmes Middle School Updates:
  - a. Now a Verizon Innovative Learning School: Every student gets an iPad connected to the internet and teachers to receive extensive professional development.
  - b. The school has received a fresh coat of paint.
  - c. New energy-efficient LED lighting installed.
- B. Computer Science Education Week. Online annual showcase on December 9.
- C. COVID-19 testing is being offered to students and staff.
- D. Grab and Go centers open Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 10:00 AM. Open during Winter Break except on actual holidays.
- E. Zoom Hang Outs
  - a. 6th through 12th Grades: Tues Afternoon and Thursday Morning.
  - b. Twinkle Time - TK - 2nd Grade Wednesday 12:30 to 1:00 PM.
  - c. Dearborn: Tuesday 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Questions:

Is Grab and Go being publicized?

A: News media is covering, especially after milestones.

What is the time frame for a return to school. What is the level of support schools are returning to prepare for the return?

A: Unknown given current circumstances. Parents will have a choice between distance learning and hybrid learning. All schools have upgraded filter systems. Classrooms have been prepared to promote social distancing. The covid testing program is operating. District is holding town halls to communicate with parents.

Forsmark joined the meeting at 5:19

3. **Approve Minutes from the November 2020 meeting. Can be found at <https://bit.ly/36anxYr>.**

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

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

No comments from the two members of the public who were present.

**6. Status of payments on bills sent by LAUSD to charter schools for Prop-39 co-locations where the actual number of students was less than the charter school estimated. Current information can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/33mPmuQ>.**

Charter schools were invoiced \$14,253,674.08 by the LAUSD for over-allocated PROP-39 space. Of this amount, \$2,817,905.27 has been paid. This leaves a balance of \$11,435,768.81 that is owed to the LAUSD.

Mr. Schmerelson is concerned about these numbers and would like the district to be aggressive in enforcement.

**7. Discussion on the apparent lack of accountability in the PROP-39 process, including submission of the names of students who do not have “meaningful interest” in attending the requesting charter school.**

The following post was put on Facebook by a principal of a Citizens of the World charter school:



- 8. Consider forwarding the following motion to the NENC Board: “The NENC is concerned about the harm being caused to LAUSD students by charter schools improperly using the PROP-39 colocation process and urge the City of Los Angeles to do everything possible to assist the LAUSD in recouping funds owed to them and to identify fraud.”**

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

- 9. Discuss LAUSD’s Grab and Go program and Board Member Scott Schmerelson’s request that the City of Los Angeles reimburse the school district for meals served to adults as part of this program.**

Mr. Schmerelson is still advocating for reimbursement for adults that are being fed. The Thanksgiving program went very well.

- 10. Update on NPG requested by Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action.**

The required letters have been submitted to the NENC. Will submit for funding from the city.

- 1. Update on NPG requested by Darby Avenue Elementary PTA. Possible motion to reiterate the support of funding items need for outdoor classrooms in the amount of \$2,000. <https://bit.ly/36dyGI7>**

The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board approve the updated NPG from the Darby Elementary School PTA that would provide \$2,000 for six outdoor classrooms.

Forsmark moved to approve, Meredith seconded. Passed 4-0-0

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

January 6, 2021, at 5:00

- 12. Adjournment 6:18**