

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes May 8, 2021

1. **Call to Order.** 9:10 AM
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. A quorum was not met.

3. **Approve Minutes from the April 2021 meeting. Can be found at <https://bit.ly/2QPuHMQ>.**

Could not be voted on without a quorum present.

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

There were no comments from the public.

5. **Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials.**

No representatives of public officials were present.

6. **Discuss the possibility of encouraging an NPG to provide sports equipment as part of the Grab and Go program.**

With the return of students to campuses, the Grab and Go program has ended in its previous form rendering this idea moot.

7. **Update and discussion on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “The NENC encourages the City of Los Angeles to request that the LAUSD encourage stakeholder participation by reinstating the Parent Engagement and Special Education Committees.” Possible motion reiterating support of reinstating the Parent Engagement Committee.**

A meeting of the Parent Engagement Committee has still not been scheduled. A recommendation was made to invite Board President Kelly Gonez to a future meeting to explain why she is blocking this committee.

8. **Update and discussion on the motion passed by 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.”**

There has been little to no change in the amount owed to the LAUSD by charter schools that have been assessed an over-allocation penalty.

9. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “The NENC supports the efforts of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to prevent the PROP-39 co-location of Bassett Street Elementary School by Citizens of the World Charter School.”

The Citizens of the World East Valley charter school has announced that they will rent space in a private facility. However, they have still not notified the LAUSD that they will not be taking the space at Bassett.

10. Update on Council File (CF) CF 21-0178 Motion (Buscaino - Cedillo) relative to requesting the City Attorney to report on legal options to compel the Los Angeles Unified School District to immediately re-open its school campuses and resume in-person instruction for students.

The return to campus has rendered this Council File moot.

11. Update on NPG requested by Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action.

Nothing new to report. A report on the use of the funds is still owed to the NENC.

12. Update on NPG requested by Darby Avenue Elementary PTA.

Nothing new to report. A report on the use of the funds is still owed to the NENC.

13. Update on NPG requested by Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School.

The updated NPG was passed by the NENC board and the request for payment is in process.

14. Discussion on the return to campus by LAUSD students.

Chris Merideth reports that the first week was rough as he had to teach both online and in-person students.

Beyond the Bell and other after-school programs are operating to assist parents who have returned to work.

Concern was expressed about the food waste of the current meal program.

15. Discussion about AB-1316 School accountability: financial and performance audits: charter schools: contracts. Possible motion to support.

Article in opposition: <https://bit.ly/33rU0HH>

Article in support: <https://bit.ly/3gZfzXZ>

Without a quorum, a motion could not be considered.

16. Discussion about the end of LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner's contract and the process that will be used to replace him. Possible motions to urge community input and recommend a candidate.

Without a quorum, a motion could not be considered. The chair will draft a motion for the NENC board to consider. This will request an open process and suggest that anyone considered has background experience in public education.

17. Chair's comments on the final meeting of the term.

The committee was thanked for their contributions to supporting education.

18. Obtain committee members' interest in continuing to serve on the committee.

Manchester and Meredith both expressed an interest in being reappointed by the board.

19. Adjournment 10:11