

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes October 9, 2021

1. **Call to Order.** 9:08 AM
2. **Roll Call and determination of a quorum. Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Will Parnell, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Manchester, Parnell, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved.

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

Manchester moved to approve, Parnell seconded. Passed 3-0-0.

Diamon joined the meeting at 9:11.

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

Two members of the public were present. Glen Bailey, President of the NENC made the committee aware of new online meeting rules that are being developed. Also, the posting location has been changed at the Northridge Branch Library. Official notices are now posted on the east-facing window.

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

None

6. **Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “As the LAUSD embarks on a search for a Superintendent to replace Austin Beutner, the Northridge East Neighborhood Council believes the school board ought to be open and transparent in the process and ought to solicit community input. Any candidates considered should have classroom experience in a public school district.”**

Ask Tara from Scott Schmerelson’s office to update us.

Community Colleges and CSU published bios of candidates in advance.

7. **Updated on the committee motion forwarded to the Governing Board: “The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board request that the City of Los Angeles ask the LAUSD to outline and define the actions that it has taken to collect the \$12,412,065.54 that is owed by charter schools for over-allocation penalties and to specify the formal legal disputes that they are currently engaged in.”**

The amount owed to the LAUSD as of July 13, 2021, is \$12,398,628.21.

<https://bit.ly/3fNauAy>

The amount due has not been updated by the Charter School Division.

8. Updated on the committee motion forwarded to the Governing Board:

“The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board support the Reseda Neighborhood Council’s letter to APHEN asking that the City of Los Angeles urge the LAUSD to end the Shirley Avenue Elementary co-location by Citizens of the World Charter School.”

Citizens of the World is still co-located on the Shirley Avenue campus.

9. Update on NPG approved for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action.

No updates.

10. Update on NPG approved for Darby Avenue Elementary PTA.

No updates.

11. Update on NPG approved for Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School.

A video posted by the school to their Instagram account: <https://bit.ly/3FqfQwC>

The video was played for attendees. Glenn Bailey reminded the committee that the school still needs to file paperwork at the conclusion of the project.

12. Update on NPG approved for the North Valley Family YMCA.

The project has been funded. Volunteers are sought for the event.

13. Update on outreach for the approximately \$4,000 available for NPGs related to education during the current fiscal year.

No update.

14. Discussion on the start of the COVID-19, vaccine mandates, and online options (City of Angeles).

The City of Angeles online option has been overwhelmed by the demand.

15. Discussion and possible motion on the Student-Centered Funding scheme introduced by the LAUSD.

Background information: <https://bit.ly/3lcljhA>

Motion moved by Betsy Manchester, seconded by Judy Diamond. Passed: 4:0:0

The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC board pass a resolution that supports transparency regarding changes to LAUSD school funding. Public hearings and input from students, parents, teachers, and the community must be received before considering implementing programs such as Student-Centered Funding. To ensure accountability and transparency the LAUSD board should vote on any policy prior to its implementation by the Superintendent's office.

16. Discussion and possible motion on the subject of Safe Travel to school and parking issues around schools.

Tabled to next meeting.

17. Recommendations or requests to be added to the committee.

None.

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

November 13 at 9:00 AM

19. Adjournment