

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** 9:04 AM
2. **Roll Call and determination of a quorum. Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Will Parnell, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Diamond, Manchester, Meredith, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved.

3. **Approve Minutes from the November 2021 meeting. Can be found at <https://bit.ly/3FTD6D9>.**

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

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

One member of the public was present, no comments were made.

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

No representatives from public officials were present.

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.”**

While the LAUSD did seek input into what the public was looking for in a new superintendent, it did not seek any input once a candidate had been identified. The new Superintendent, Alberto M. Carvalho, does have classroom experience.

7. **Discussion about the selection of Alberto M. Carvalho as the new Superintendent.**

The following motion was moved by Petersen and seconded by Manchester:

“The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board pass a resolution welcoming Alberto M. Carvalho to Los Angeles as the LAUSD’s Superintendent and encouraging him to interact with the Neighborhood Council system. There is a standing invitation for him to address either the Board or the NENC Education Committee.”

The motion passed 4-0-0

- 8. Update on the motion passed by the NENC 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 January 17, 2022, is \$13,745,310.09.
<https://bit.ly/3Lcedpn>**

The City Attorney’s office contacted the Chair and stated that this office has no jurisdiction over the LAUSD. The representative also said that this issue was not one that should be covered by Neighborhood Councils under the city charter.

The committee feels that since Neighborhood Councils represent the interests of neighborhood shareholders including the parents and teachers of neighborhood public schools, then this is definitely an issue that should be discussed as part of the education committee.

The committees agree that new letters should be sent to City Controller and John Lee.

- 9. Update on the motion passed by the NENC 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 Charter Schools have announced that they will be relocating to a private facility for the next school year, but this has not yet been put in writing to the LAUSD.

- 10. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “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.”**

The LAUSD Board has not taken any new votes on Student-Centered Funding.

- 11. Update on NPG approved for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action.**

PESA has provided a report on how the NPG funds were spent. This will be distributed to the committee.

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

No updates.

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

No updates.

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

No updates.

15. Discussion and possible motion regarding Neighborhood Purposes Grant application submitted by Andasol Avenue Elementary School in the amount of \$8,000 to cover the cost for a muralist and to purchase the necessary materials the muralist will need to paint. The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/3uSHNe3>

The NPG was met favorably by the committee but the NPG finds that there are some issues that need to be resolved before it can be forwarded to the board:

- 1) The application was missing some information, including the second signature, which is a requirement of the city.
- 2) Is it possible to see a general design of the mural that is being proposed.
- 3) Our budget for these types of projects is generally no more than \$2,000. Since we will not be able to cover the entire cost of the project are there any other sources of funding that you will be tapping into? If not, will you be able to downsize the project to meet the budget?
- 4) Can you provide some itemization for the materials that will be purchased for this project?
- 5) Where on the campus will the mural be located?
- 6) We generally like to use these projects as a form of outreach to the community. Will there be a way to let the school's community know that we helped fund this project and how they can get involved in our efforts to serve the community of Northridge East?

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

No updates.

17. Discussion on COVID-19, vaccine mandates, mandatory testing, and online options (City of Angeles).

Enforcement of the vaccine mandate has been delayed until next year.

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

Tabled until next meeting.

19. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member. None

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

March 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM

21. Adjournment 10:14