

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes March 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** 9:02 AM
2. **Roll Call and determination of a quorum. Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Victoria Dochoghlian (Alternate), Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Will Parnell, and Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Diamond, Manchester, Meredith, Parnell, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved. Dochoghlian was present but not seated.

3. **Approve Minutes from the February 12, 2022, meeting. Can be found at <https://bit.ly/3pFJJTF>.**

Diamond moved to approve. Manchester seconded. Passed 5-0-0

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

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

5. **Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials including Tara Vahdani, Policy & Outreach Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Scott M. Schmerelson.**

Comments from Tara Vahdani:

- Holmes Middle School received a Seeds Grant. This will help beautify the campus and increase green space. A new garden, outdoor seating, and gathering space will be added.
- Holmes was also named a "School to Watch."
- Summer School will be offered by the district.

6. **Update on the motion passed at the last committee meeting: "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 board passed the resolution recommended by the committee. An email will be sent to the new Superintendent.

7. **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 LAUSD has not provided an update since January 17, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3Lcedpn>

The new letters still need to be sent to City Controller and John Lee.

Tara Vahdani will ask the Charter School Division why an update has not been provided for the amount currently owed to the district.

- 8. 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.”**

No updates.

- 9. 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 deadline to apply for the waiver required to implement Student-Centered Funding has passed.

- 10. Update on NPG approved for Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action. Project Completion Report: <https://bit.ly/3tCyegP> and <https://bit.ly/3hJT1tk>**

The report does not mention the two schools that PESA said that they were working with. An email will be sent requesting clarification.

- 11. Update on NPG approved for Darby Avenue Elementary PTA.**

No update.

It was recommended that future agendas include the date the NPG was approved, the amount and the expected completion date.

- 12. Update on NPG approved for Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School.**

No update.

- 13. Update on NPG approved for the North Valley Family YMCA.**

No Update

- 14. 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 following motion was moved by Petersen and seconded by Manchester:

“The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board approve up to \$2,000 for materials and supplies for the mural project described in the NPG submitted by Andasol Avenue Elementary School.”

The motion passed 4-0-0 with 1 (Parnell) ineligible

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

Dearborn has been contacted.

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

The outdoor masking mandate has been removed.

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

Tabled

- 18. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member. None**
19. Set date and location for the next meeting and receive ideas for future agenda items.

April 9 at 9:00 AM

- 20. Adjournment 10:16**