

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** 9:09 AM
2. **Roll Call and determination of a quorum. Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Victoria Dochoghlian (Alternate), Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Will Parnell, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

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

3. **Approve Minutes from the May 14, 2022, meeting. Can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3NiLjEJ>**

Diamond moved to approve. Petersen seconded. Passed 3-0-0

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

No comments from the one member of the public present.

The following email was read into the record:

Hi Tara,

I'm becoming extremely concerned that Juniors and Seniors especially are not getting nearly enough instruction in American Civics. Especially, kids not going on to college will be eligible to vote and are susceptible to the worst of fake news. A small minority of "independents" determine the direction that our country goes on almost every political measure. I believe that group may be becoming more uneducated on how our political system works.

If they do not become much more educated on the values of democracy, we are likely to lose our democracy. Therefore, if the complaint is that there is no room in the curriculum for such classes, I advocate that we take it from most anywhere. If we do not guard against book burning now, a swing in the political pendulum might make that an issue we are ill prepared to stop.

Please send me the LAUSD Junior and Senior curriculum. What is your opinion and that of Mr. Schmerelson on this? Do you see a need to make this an immediate priority. and if so, what steps are (or should) be taken? Thanks for your response in advance.

Sincerely,

Ken Ross, NENC 1st VP (for identification purposes only, acting independently)

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

None present.

6. **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.”

As of April 8, 2022, the balance is \$5,055,845. <https://bit.ly/3w21XSL>

No update.

- 7. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Education Committee: The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC board pass the following resolution: "The NENC Board would like the City of Los Angeles to inquire from the LAUSD why there is a \$7,678,022 reduction in the PROP-39 Overallocation Fees billed and the legal basis for doing so."**

No Update.

- 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 update.

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

No update.

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

No update.

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

No update.

- 12. Update on NPG approved for Andasol Avenue Elementary School.**

Funding Approved: March 21, 2022

Amount: \$ 2,000.00

Expected Completion Date: TBD

No update.

13. Update on outreach for the NPGs related to education during the next fiscal year.

Dearborn has expressed interest.

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

No update.

15. Discussion and possible resolution on unvaccinated students being banned from graduation events at Granada Hills Charter. For background information:

<https://bit.ly/3NRf2o2>

Moved by: Judy Diamond

Seconded by: Betsy Manchester

Passed: 3:0:0

The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board pass a resolution supporting Granada Hills Charter School's scientifically based decision to enforce a COVID-19 mandate including at their graduation ceremony.

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

Tabled for a future meeting.

17. Discussion of the results of the primary election that was held on June 7, 2022.

Board District 2: Rocio Rivas and Maria Brenes will face each other in the November runoff.

Board District 4: Nick Melvoyn won over 50% of the vote and wins outright.

Board District 6: Marvin Rodriguez and Kelly Gonez will face each other in the November runoff.

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.

September 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM

20. Adjournment 9:52