

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes September 10, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** 9:03 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, Meredith, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved.

3. **Approve Minutes from the June 11, 2022, meeting. Can be found at:**  
<https://bit.ly/3TW3LXA>

Manchester moved to approve. Diamond seconded. Passed 4-0-0

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

No comments from the three members of the public present.

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

Tara is no longer with Scott Schmerelson's office. Do not know who will replace her

6. **Discussion and possible motion on request to support the Amnesty International San Fernando Valley (AI-SFV) Art Contests for Elementary School and Middle & High School Students.**

Both proposals provided by AI-SFV can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3BfAorD>

Moved by: Carl Petersen

Seconded by: Betsy Manchester

Passed: 4:0:0

The education committee recommends that the NENC support the essay and art contests organized by Amnesty International USA (San Fernando Valley) for school children within the NENC's boundaries.

7. **Discussion and possible motion on the \$6 million contract signed by the LAUSD with Florida Virtual School, an organization controlled by the Florida Department of Education.**

Moved by: Betsy Manchester

Seconded by: Judy Diamond

Passed: 4:0:0

The Education Committee recommends that the NENC express concern about the contract signed between the LAUSD and the Florida Virtual School, an entity controlled by the Florida Department of Education. We urge the City of Los Angeles to investigate and scrutinize the origins of this contract, the way in which the Florida Department of Education was selected, and the process followed for the approval of the contract. Further, it should be evaluated whether this contract meets the educational standards of the State of California and if it violates the civil rights of Los Angeles students.

**8. Discussion and possible motion on the 2022 Opening Of Schools Address.**

Was very polished.

**9. Discussion and possible motion on “Ready for the World,” the 2022-25 LAUSD Strategic Plan. <https://bit.ly/3qfPhnC>**

Little discussion in the document about Special Education.

**10. Discussion and possible motion on “Equity and Access for Students with Disabilities,” the LAUSD Division of Special Education Position Paper. <https://bit.ly/3qdW7Ke>**

Concentration on inclusion without making accommodations for those for whom this is not the best option.

**11. 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."**

As of June 25, 2022, the balance is \$4,597,882. <https://bit.ly/3qgfQJi>

No update.

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

No update.

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

No update.

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

No update on last year's NPG. New NPG expected next month.

**15. Update on NPG approved for Andasol Avenue Elementary School.**

**Funding Approved: March 21, 2022**

**Amount: \$ 2,000.00**

**Expected Completion Date: TBD**

No update.

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

Dearborn is still interested.

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

No update.

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

Safety issues discussed.

Glenn Bailey will report concerns to the Department of Transportation.

Safe travel to school is the city's responsibility.

**19. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member.**

None.

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

Next meeting October 8 at 9:00 AM.

**21. Adjournment 10:32**