

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes October 8, 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, and Carl Petersen (Chair).**

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

3. **Approve Minutes from the September 10, 2022, meeting. Can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3M1wu9D>**

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

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

Three members of the public present.

Glenn Bailey: A second Zoom account will eventually be issued requiring a change to the Zoom info provided for the meeting. A one meeting notice will be given.

5. **Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials.** None
6. **Announcement: Amnesty International San Fernando Valley (AI-SFV) Art and Essay Contests for Elementary School and Middle & High School Students within the Northridge East Neighborhood Council. The deadline is November 30, 2022.**

Flyers for contests can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3fwG1t7>

7. **Discussion and possible motion on the subject of Safe Travel to school and parking issues around schools. Article on the subject: <https://lat.ms/3M3tCJw>**

Moved by: Christopher Meredith

Seconded by: Betsy Manchester

Passed: 5:0:0

The Northridge East Neighborhood Council is concerned about dangerous traffic conditions on Plummer St. and Praire St. and other streets around our local schools including Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy and Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. We call on the city to increase enforcement of traffic and parking laws and to fully fund the crossing guard program to help protect students traveling to and from school safely.

8. Discussion and possible motion regarding the computer hack on LAUSD systems.

The effects of the hack and resulting shutdown are still being felt by users of LAUSD systems.

Many questions are being raised about the lack of actions taken to prevent this type of hack and the district's not communicating the extent of the threat with the stakeholders of the district.

9. Discussion and possible vote on NPG submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for Thanksgiving food drive. The approved amount can be up to \$2,500.

Moved by: Betsy Manchester

Seconded by: Judy Diamond

Passed: 4:0:0 (one ineligible)

The Education Committee recommends that the NENC approve the corrected NPG submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for the annual Thanksgiving Baskets distribution for low-income families in the amount of \$2,500.

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>

Tabled till the next meeting

11. Discussion and possible motion on the amount past due by charter schools for overallocation fees. As of June 25, 2022, the balance is \$4,597,882. <https://bit.ly/3qgfQJi>

Tabled till the next meeting

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

Tabled till the next meeting

13. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Education Committee: The NENC expresses 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.

Tabled till the next meeting

14. Update on NPG approved for Andasol Avenue Elementary School.

Funding Approved: March 21, 2022

Amount: \$ 2,000.00

Expected Completion Date: TBD

No update provided.

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

No updates available

16. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member.

None

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

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18. Adjournment 10:40