

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes November 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, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved.  
Meredith signed into the meeting at 9:03

3. **Approve Minutes from the October 8, 2022, meeting. Can be found at: [bit.ly/3WPjzgf](https://bit.ly/3WPjzgf)**

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

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

Two members of the public were present:

A notification has still not been sent out to Neighborhood Councils about rollovers of their unused budgets from last year.

Second Zoom Accounts have still not been activated.

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

None were present.

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 regarding the computer hack on LAUSD systems.**

Virtual Networks are being installed to increase security.

District sites are still not running at 100%.

8. **Discussion about the general election held on November 8, 2022.**

Both LAUSD School Board races are extremely close.

California Proposition 28 (increases spending on arts programs in public schools) is passing.

- 9. 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

- 10. 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

- 11. Discussion and possible motion on the incident that occurred at Granada Hills Charter School where one student assaulted another. Related article: <bit.ly/3UKS1Xz>**

Moved by: Judy Diamond

Seconded by: Betsy Manchester

Passed: 4:0:0

The Education Committee recommends that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) encourages a complete investigation of the student assault at Granada Hills Charter School (GHCS) on October 31, 2022. Families within the NENC boundaries attend GHCS. It is imperative that parents be kept up to date on the status of this investigation and the steps being taken to ensure their children’s safety.

Additionally, Judy Diamond will make contact with Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council to inform them of our proposed resolution and to find out if they are taking any action.

- 12. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Education Committee: 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.**

The motion was passed unanimously by the NENC Board.

- 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

**14. Update on NPG submitted by the North Valley Family YMCA for the Thanksgiving food drive.**

Approved by the NENC Board in the amount of \$1,500.

**15. Update on NPG approved for Andasol Avenue Elementary School.  
Funding Approved: March 21, 2022  
Amount: \$ 2,000.00  
Expected Completion Date: TBD**

The form still needs to be submitted by the school.

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

Will wait to do any additional outreach until the rollover of funds is approved by the city.

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

None submitted.

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

December 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM

**19. Adjournment 10:16**