NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 10, 2023

- 1. Call to Order. 9:30 AM
- 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, Meredith, and Petersen were present. A quorum was achieved.

3. Approve Minutes from the May meeting. Can be found at: bit.ly/230513Minutes

Diamond moved to approve. Petersen seconded. Passed 2-0-1 (Meredith abstained)

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

No members of the public were present.

5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials.

No public officials were present.

6. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "The NENC expects the LAUSD Board and Superintendent Carvalho to exercise full transparency regarding all intrusions (hacks) into the District's computer systems. We expect the District to act in good faith and immediately disclose to affected parents, students, employees, and contractors the extent of the breach and assist them in limiting potential damages."

Letter sent to the LA City Council Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee: <u>bit.ly/LetterToCityCouncil Hack</u>

Response from LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson: bit.ly/3MaGsam

Meredith reports that the District has clamped down on the security for individual computers.

Board Member Schmerelson did not reply to a request for an update.

7. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board ask the LA City Council to support the passage of the proposed LAUSD resolution: Improving Special Education Within the LAUSD" <u>bit.ly/SpEdRes221218</u>

One of the LAUSD Board Members has expressed an interest in introducing the resolution at the beginning of the next school year.

8. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "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." SCAG Traffic Safety promotional materials?

Some police presence, but largely ineffective. Most infractions were being ignored. No real enforcement.

9. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "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."

Nothing new to report.

10. Update on the motion passed by the Committee: "The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board pass the following motion for communication to the City Council's Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee: "The NENC urges the LA City Council to ask the LAUSD School Board why the Primary Promise literacy/numeracy program is being phased out and to get additional information about the program that is slated to replace it."

No update on Board action.

Meredith reports that he had a great experience at his school but the Primary Promise will return back to the regular classroom next year.

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

Funding Approved: October 19, 2022 Amount: \$1,500.00 Expected Completion Date: Completed

No update.

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

No update.

13. Discussion and possible motion about the NPG requested by the Granada Hills Charter School Robotics Club in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The application can be found at https://bit.ly/GranadaNPG.

General consensus is to offer \$500. Will discuss this further at the next meeting.

 Discussion and possible motion on the amount past due by charter schools for overallocation fees. As of March 31, 2023, the balance is \$4,323,500. <u>bit.ly/Overallocation230331</u>

Disappoint was expressed that updates are not being provided on a more regular schedule.

15. Discussion and possible motion about the protest that occurred in front of Saticoy Elementary School on June 2, 2023.

Background information: bit.ly/Saticoy

Moved by: Judy Diamond Seconded by: Christopher Meredith Passed: 3:0:0

The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board pass the following motion for communication to the City Council's Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee: "In light of the events that occurred at Saticoy Elementary School on June 2, 2023, the NENC urges the City of Los Angeles to support the LAUSD's efforts at promoting inclusion and diversity."

16. Discussion and possible motion about the fentanyl/opioid crisis.

Tabled until next meeting

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

No updates.

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

None

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

July 8, 2023.

20. Adjournment 10:35