

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes September 9, 2023

1. Call to Order. **9:08 AM**
2. Roll Call and determination of a quorum.
Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Victoria Dochoghlian (Alternate), Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, and Carl Petersen (Chair).

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

3. Approve Minutes from the July meeting. Can be found at: bit.ly/230708Minutes

Meredith moved to approve. Manchester seconded. Passed 3-0-0

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

None from the one member of the public who was present.

5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials. **None 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:
bit.ly/LetterToCityCouncil_Hack

No response was ever received from John Lee or anyone else on the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee.

Scott Schmerelson promised a follow-up from the Office of General Council, but one was never received. His office did not respond to a follow-up email.

Lots of information is still missing from the District’s website.

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”
bit.ly/SpEdRes221218

Scott Schmerelson has promised to set up a meeting between the Office of General Council and me so that we can discuss their objections to the proposed resolution.

8. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “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.”

Letter sent to the LA City Council Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee:
bit.ly/LetterToCityCouncil_Saticoy

No acknowledgment of the letter was ever received from John Lee or anyone else on the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee.

9. 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 expresses concern about dramatic changes affecting the LAUSD's most vulnerable students including the elimination of Primary Promise from many schools and removing the option of special education day classes and special education centers. These changes were made without input from their parents or the community.’”

Passed by the NENC.

Primary Promise had been really successful at the school where Chris teaches.

10. 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>.

Table to the next meeting so that it can be discussed by the entire Committee.

11. 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. bit.ly/Overallocation230630

Updated information: As of June 30, 2023, the total amount due is \$3,708,006.

12. Discussion and possible motion(s) about issues related to student safety, including but not limited to:
 - a. Dangerous traffic conditions on streets around our local schools.
Motion (Krekorian - Hutt - Hernandez) relative to instructing the Department of Transportation to report on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated speed hump program for elementary schools.
Department of Transportation report dated June 21, 2023, relative to the Speed Hump and Speed Table Program for schools.

Moved by: Christopher Meredith

Seconded by: Betsy Manchester

Passed: 3:0:0

The NENC Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board pass the following motion: “The NENC supports the Speed Hump program as passed by the LA City Council as an important first step in making passage to schools safer. A comprehensive program should also include hiring additional crossing guards and enforcing parking regulations in school drop-off zones.”

- b. SCAG Traffic Safety promotional materials.
- c. Council File 23-0306 (bit.ly/23-0306)
- d. Fentanyl/opioid crisis.

The school district has used Narcan 30 times since the program began.

- 13. Discussion and possible motion about the Superintendent’s Opening of Schools Address 2023-2024.

Petersen’s impression was that there was a lot of flash, but not many details provided.

- 14. Discussion and possible motion about the expansion of the EnrichLA program into Dearborn Elementary and Balboa Magnet schools.

Table until more information is available.

Meredith says it “looks like a great program.”

- 15. Discussion and possible motion about the LAUSD’s purge of the leadership and most of the membership of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Board’s approval of the disputed list was pulled from the agenda for a second time.

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

Tabled until the next meeting.

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

Ask to have Barbara Nitkin added as an alternate.

18. Set a date and location for the next meeting and receive ideas for future agenda items.
October 14, 2023, at 9:00

19. Adjournment **10:11**