

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes December 9, 2023

1. Call to Order. **9:09 AM**
2. Roll Call and determination of a quorum.
Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Barbara Nitkin (Alternate), and Carl Petersen (Chair).

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

3. Approve Minutes from the September meeting. Can be found at: <https://bit.ly/230909Minutes>

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

4. Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items. **None Present**
5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials. **None Present**
6. Discussion and possible motion on holding Committee meetings virtually instead of in person.

"The NENC Education Committee would like to transition to an online meeting format."

Moved by Chris Meredith, Seconded by Betsy Manchester. Passed 3 - 0 - 0

7. 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

Protests have continued at LAUSD Board Meetings.

This was a subject that was discussed at the debate that was held by the Lake Balboa and Winnetka Neighborhood Councils on November 18, 2023.

8. 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 new updates.

9. 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

An e-mail from Scott Schmerelson’s office can be found at bit.ly/Scott_231110.

Schmerelson has since indicated that he will be willing to work with an abbreviated version of the proposed resolution.

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

The committee would like to see an update on the results of the program that replaced Primary Promise.

11. Update on the motion passed by the Committee: 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.”

No updates.

12. 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>.

Postponed. Need to know what the NENC budget is.

13. Discussion and possible motion on the amount past due by charter schools for overallocation fees. As of June 30, 2023, the balance is \$3,708,006. bit.ly/Overallocation230630

No update.

14. 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.
 - b. SCAG Traffic Safety promotional materials.

c. Fentanyl/opioid crisis.

No Updates

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

No updates.

Chris has heard good things about this program.

16. Discussion and possible motions about PROP-39, state legislation to improve charter school accountability, and other charter school issues.

The superintendent is due to present the updated PROP-39 policy at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

17. Discussion and possible motions about the 2024 LAUSD School Board race and helping to engage the public.

The Committee will invite the Board District 3 candidates to speak and answer questions from the public at the February meeting.

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

No updates.

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

None presented.

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

Saturday, January 13, 2024, hopefully on Zoom.

21. Adjournment **9:56**