

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes January 13, 2024

1. Call to Order. **9:06 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).

Diamond, Manchester, and Petersen were present.

Nitkin was seated for Meredith.

A quorum was achieved.

3. Approve Minutes from the December meeting. Can be found at: <https://bit.ly/231209Minutes>

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

4. Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items. **None**
5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials. **None Present**
6. Discussion and possible motions about the 2024 LAUSD School Board race and helping to engage the public.

Each candidate will get two minutes for an opening statement, three questions with two minutes to answer each, and one minute for a closing statement.

The candidates will appear sequentially.

Moved by: Betsy Manchester

Seconded by: Judy Diamond

Passed: 4:0:0

The NENC Education Committee will hold a virtual Candidate Forum for LAUSD BD3 on February 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM as part of its February Brown Act-compliant special meeting.

7. 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>.

Moved by: Betsy Manchester

Seconded by: Judy Diamond

Passed: 4:0:0

The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board approve the following resolution: "We are unable to act on the NPG submitted by the Granada Hills Charter School Robotics Club at this time but invite you to submit future applications as the need arises."

8. Discussion and possible motion about the NPG requested by the Balboa Spirit Club in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The application can be found at bit.ly/BalboaNPG.

Moved by: Judy Diamond

Seconded by: Barbara Nitkin

Passed: 4:0:0

The Education Committee recommends that the NENC Board approve the NPG requested by the Balboa Spirit Club in the amount of \$2,000 subject to the receipt of an updated application with an unexpired funding date and verification that the project can proceed with funding that is less than requested."

9. 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 response was received from John Lee or the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee.

10. 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 received from John Lee or the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee.

11. 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 have his office look again into the resolution and work towards writing a version that he can support.

12. 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.”

No update.

13. 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 update.

14. 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

The spreadsheet has not been updated since June 30.

15. 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.

Tabled until the next meeting.

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

Tabled until the next meeting.

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

Tabled until the next meeting.

18. Discussion and possible motion about Ken Ross' proposed LAUSD "Feeder Program" into CSUN for their STEAM Program.

Ken Ross says that this is something that he is still pursuing but does not have any concrete steps for the committee to take at this time. Will keep on the agenda.

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

Tabled until the next meeting.

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

Ask to have Ken Ross added as an alternate.

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

February 3, 2024, at 9:00 AM. Will be held on Zoom and include the Candidate Forum.

22. Adjournment **10:28**