

A recording of the Zoom meeting can be found at: bit.ly/Zoom030924

1. Call to Order. **9:04 AM**
2. Roll Call and determination of a quorum.
Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Barbara Nitkin (Alternate), Carl Petersen (Chair), and Ken Ross (Alternate).

Manchester, Meredith, and Petersen were present.

A quorum was achieved.

3. Approve Minutes from the February meeting. Can be found at: bit.ly/Minutes240203

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

4. Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items.
 - **Manuk's iPhone:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
 - **Trisha:** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
 - **UnapologeticPatriotFather:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
 - **MC:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
 - **BADMOMS MEDIA:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.

Judy Diamond arrived at 9:15 during public comment.

- **Suzie's iPhone 6S Plus:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Raquel Villalta:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Lusine Kirakosyan:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Kane Durham (he/him):** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **David:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Katherine Gardner, She / Her:** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Gonzalez, Veronica:** Spoke in support of funding for "Spread Kindness" mural for Andasol Elementary.
- **Alyssa Sonora:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Angie:** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.

- **Glenn Bailey:** 1) As a courtesy, we notify the neighborhood council of the affected area when we take action about a school outside our boundaries. 2) Neighborhood Council “Code of Conduct” now applies to committee members.
 - **T. Schroeder:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
 - **Sandy:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
5. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials. **None present**
 6. Discussion about the results of the primary election held on March 5, 2024.

Preliminary results show that incumbent Scott Schmerelson and Dan Chang will advance to the general election.

7. Update on 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.

The NENC Board increased the amount to \$3,000 (we suggested \$2,000) and approved it.

8. Discussion and possible motion about the issues caused by overcrowding at the Porter Ranch Community School.

**New construction is driving the enrollment beyond capacity.
Suggestion to move upper grades to Chatsworth High School.**

We will reach out to the PRNC Education Committee to see how we can support their efforts.

9. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from Andasol Avenue Elementary School for a mural on school library exterior wall in the amount of \$5,000.

The NPG paperwork was incomplete. Tabled until next month.

10. 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

Updates and Clarifications by Carl Petersen:

1. I did not receive a response from John Lee or any other member of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee regarding the letter that was sent.
2. The letter was addressed to Unisses Hernandez because she is the Chair of the committee, which has jurisdiction over education issues.

3. Parents had a right to opt-out of the program at Saticoy so this issue is not about preserving parental rights but about some parents wanting to limit the rights of parents who do want their children to participate.
4. I was at the protest at Saticoy on June 2, 2023, and was assaulted.
5. Calling someone a “groomer” is not “loving” or “kind.”

Comments:

- **Sandy:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Katherine Gardner, She / Her:** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Raquel Villalta:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Paul Robak:** Spoke out against the use of the word “grooming.”
- **Manuk’s iPhone:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Kane Durham (he/him):** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **BADMOMS MEDIA:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity. Complained that the meeting was only being held on Zoom.

For the record: The meeting was always listed as a “Zoom Only” meeting.

- **MC:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Trisha:** Supported NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **UnapologeticPatriotFather:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Trish Aquino:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.
- **Alyssa Sonora:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.

Carl Petersen provided some fact-checking to things said as part of comments that were made: Children are not getting gender-changing surgery. That is something that is reserved for adults after the course of other treatments.

- **T. Schroeder:** Opposed NENC resolution urging support of inclusion and diversity.

Carl Petersen answered a question: The book that was read to the students was “[The Great Big Book of Families](#)” by Mary Hoffman and Ros Asquith. Every child deserves to feel that his or her family is accepted. That is what this is all about.

11. Discussion and possible action 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

Carl Petersen: I spoke with a member of Scott Schmerelson's office who had me narrow the focus of the proposed resolution, but nothing has happened with that yet.

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. 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 committee had received a letter and Jose Cole-Gutierrez said that the Charter School Division was going to update the public monthly. An update has not been received since June.

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.
 - d. Copper wire thefts.

Christopher Meredith: has noticed some red lights have been extended, positively changing traffic flows.

Glenn Bailey: LAPD Valley Traffic stopped having their monthly meetings. No updates on the SCAG Traffic Safety promotional materials. Long-term solution to copper wire thefts is converting to solar, in progress. Repair times are decreasing.

- **T. Schroeder: Concerned about unreported incidents at schools.**

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

No update.

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

The LAUSD Board did pass the PROP-39 policy which set schools with the most need as off limits. Did not address the issue of special education spaces being taken and protecting those students.

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

Ken Ross was not present.

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

No update

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

None

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

April 13 at 9:00 on Zoom.

21. Adjournment **11:11**