

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 8, 2024

A recording of the Zoom meeting can be found at: bit.ly/Zoom060824

1. Call to Order, 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).

Called to order at 9:10 AM

Manchester, Meredith, and Petersen were present.

A quorum was achieved.

2. Approve Minutes from the April meeting. Can be found at bit.ly/Minutes041324

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

3. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials. **None present.**
4. **Announcement:** All committee members must sign the Amended Code of Conduct Policy by June 3, 2024. This policy can be found at bit.ly/LACodeOfConduct
5. Update and Discussion about the motion passed at the April meeting: “The NENC Education Committee will hold a virtual Candidate Forum for LAUSD BD3 on September 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM as part of its September Brown Act-compliant special meeting.”

Motion passed by the NENC Board. Send an invitation to the candidates.

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

Sent a followup to the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, but did not receive a response.

7. Discussion and possible motion about Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from Andasol Avenue Elementary School for a mural on the school library exterior wall in the amount of \$5,000.

No update. Send inquiry to Andasol.

8. Update on the NPG approved by the NENC for the Balboa Spirit Club in the amount of \$3,000.

No update.

9. 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

Scott Schmerelson says that his office is working on its own resolution that will incorporate parts of this one.

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.”

Reports from Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies say the District shut down its Mild to Moderate Special Education program. Last year the Moderate to Severe program was eliminated.

Reports from the Locrantz Special Education Center say that the District is making it difficult for parents to choose this school during the IEP process.

11. 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.
Email sent to Jose Cole-Gutierrez asking for an update: bit.ly/Cole-Gutiérrez

Cole-Gutierrez responded that the District has posted information. However, this balance is still not current. Link to data:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BWBEfHqwgxnttXe63qoorgehwcFlea1v/view>

12. Discussion and possible motion(s) about issues related to student safety, including but not limited to dangerous traffic conditions on streets around our local schools and the Fentanyl/opioid crisis.

Delayed green lights are being implemented. There is some traffic enforcement activity.

Neighborhood Council safety meetings are being planned.

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

No Updates

14. Discussion and possible motion about the LAUSD Budget.

Predictions from the Superintendent were very “doom and gloom,” but the update from the state was more positive.

15. Discussion and possible motion about how PROP-28 funds are being spent.

There are complaints that the LAUSD is not spending the money correctly. Some issues with spending for elementary schools have been addressed but there are questions about secondary schools.

16. Discussion and possible motion about how the LAUSD developed the new SELPA.

The state-mandated Community Advisory Council (CAC) requested an agenda item to properly discuss changes to this document but the District did not follow through.

17. Discussion and possible motion about Ken Ross’ proposed LAUSD “Feeder Program” into CSUN for their STEAM Program.

No update from Ken.

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

No update.

19. 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

Follow-up email drafted.

20. Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items. **None**

21. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member. **None**

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

July 13 at 9:00 AM

23. Adjournment **10:31**