



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

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1. Call to order – 6:34 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson
2. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Bill Anderson.
3. Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson
Present: Bill Anderson, John Sandy Campbell, Dan Chernow, Reina McCaughey, Ginny Sand, Gina Thornburg, PhD. Absent: Paul Lawler, Douglas Marriott.

QUORUM of 7 at 6: 38 p.m.

4. Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Special Meeting – October 29, 2020.
Minutes of the October 29, 2020 Education Committee Special Meeting were unavailable.
5. Public Announcements

Tammy Ramirez, Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement, Office of LAUSD Board Member Scott M. Schmerelson, described several programs now being offered by LAUSD Local District Northwest: “Hangout” for middle school and High School students, the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Line, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars” for kindergarten to second grade students, and the holiday schedule for the “Grab & Go Centers.”

Committee member, Dan Chernow, commented on the lack of response the Committee had received with regard to a letter written to Board Member Schmerelson several months ago, inquiring about the performance evaluation criteria for the LAUSD Superintendent. Ms. Ramirez to look into any possible response.

6. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

7. Items for discussion and possible vote:

Item No. (1) Pierce College Brahma Pantry Support

Chairman Bill Anderson reported that Committee Member and WHWCNC Treasurer, Paul Lawler was out of town but had emailed him that the Pierce College Foundation NPG in support of the Brahma Pantry had been submitted to the Los Angeles City Clerk’s office and was being processed.

Gina Thornburg reported that pantry manager, D’Arcy Corman was working with a third-party non-profit organization to set up food distribution on the Pierce College campus.

Item No. (2) West Valley Occupational Center Hi-SET Support

Chairman Bill Anderson reported that Committee Member and WHWCNC Treasurer, Paul Lawler was out of town but had emailed him that the West Valley Occupational Center Hi-SET NPG had been submitted to the Los Angeles City Clerk’s office and was being processed.

Item No. (3) Discussion of Possible Zoom Meeting with Local Principals

The Committee discussed that any development of this project has been put on hold as reported pending legal action regarding distance learning was in play. As the Committee had not been able to learn the status of this situation, Ms. Tammy Ramirez of Scott Schemerleson’s office offered to make inquiries.

Item No. (4) LAUSD Proposal for Closed Schools

Chairman, Bill Anderson, reported that the LAUSD Board would conduct a Zoom meeting on 2 December to discuss the disposition of several closed school sites in the area. Gina Thornburg has volunteered to attend this meaning and report back to the Committee. Ms. Tammy Ramirez of Scott Schemerleson’s office provided the Committee with the Zoom meeting ID and call-in number.

Item No. (6) Possible New Projects

a. Optimist Youth Home Pacific Lodge Girl’s Home, Area 6

Gina Thornburg reported that she had not been able to contact Sheri Polak of Rotary about the Pacific Lodge Girl’s home. She will follow up.

Action Item: Gina Thornburg to get in touch with Sheri Polak of Rotary.

b. Parents, Educators / Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) Possible NPG

John Sandy Campbell reported that she had emailed the organization but had not received a reply. She will follow up.

Action Item: John Sandy Campbell to make another attempt to contact PESA about a possible presentation at the Committee January meeting.

Item No. (7) New Business

The Committee discussed information about the steps that may be taken to let children return to school. With the COVID infection rate so high this is unlikely until the number of cases goes down. Reina McCaughey reported that she had receive a survey from LAUSD seeking information about how she would like her child schooled – in person, online, hybrid situation. Ms. Tammy Ramirez of Scott Schemerleson’s office offered that the survey was sent to gather information about parent wishes should the “green light” be given to re-open.

Adjournment of meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:22 p.m. by Dan Chernow. Second by Ginny Sand.

Vote – Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed.

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