



## AGENDA – WHWCNC EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING 5 January 2021, 6:30 P.M.

### **VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE**

#### **VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING and PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Roll Call**
  - 4. Approval of Minutes, October 29, 2020 Special Committee Meeting and December 1, 2020 Meeting**
  - 5. Public Announcements - (2) minutes per speaker**
  - 6. Public Comment Period (on items not on the agenda): (2) minutes per speaker**
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### **7. Items for discussion and possible action:**

#### **Item No. (1): Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA)**

- Presentation by Executive Director, Seymour Amster
- Discussion

#### **Item No. (2): Status of NPGs Submitted to City of Los Angeles**

##### Discussion and Possible Action:

- Pierce College Braham Pantry NPG
- West Valley Occupational Center Hi-Set NPG

#### **Item No. (3): LAUSD Issues and Possible Projects**

##### Discussion and Possible Action:

- LAUSD Proposal for Closed Schools / Employee Housing Meeting
- Committee Inquiry Regarding Superintendent Evaluation Process
- Possible Zoom Meeting with School Principals
- Other

#### **Item No. (4): Possible New Projects**

##### Discussion and Possible Action:

- Optimist Youth Homes Pacific Lodge Girl's Home, Area 6
- Other Possible Projects / WHWCNC Revised Budget / Committee Budget

#### **Item No. (5): New Business**

### **Adjournment of meeting**

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## Email from Seymour Amster, PESA

On Jan 1, 2021, at 11:54 AM, Seymour Amster <[seymour.amster@pesa-edu.org](mailto:seymour.amster@pesa-edu.org)> wrote:

Dear John:

Your email concerning the submitted NPG grant to the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council was forwarded to me.

Thank you for the invitation, yes we would be willing to virtually attend the committee meeting on January 5.

Parents, Educators/Teachers & Students in Action (PESA) is a community-based organization that provides educational support to K-12 students. Our educational support consists of tutoring, mental health counseling, career training, mentoring and workshops for both students and parents. We provide these services to all K-12 students.

We receive referrals to our program from the Los Angeles Police Department Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program (JADP). Which includes both the West Valley Division and the Topanga Division. We provide all of the above services to these youth in addition we evaluate the referred youth to determine if they are in need of special education services or additional educational support then what they are receiving. We have trained parent advocates that attend IEP meetings with the parents to help them obtain the services for their child. We have special education consultants on staff to assist in creating a support service plan with the input of the parent and the student when this is available, to present at the IEP meeting.

We have a strong relationship with the Parent and Community Engagement Unit of LAUSD for the Local District Northwest (PACENW), which encompasses Woodland Hills. Through our relationship with PACENW we are able to communicate our services to parents of needs, and receive referrals of students in need from this source as well.

In addition we have a strong presence both at Taft High School and Canoga Park High School by being the supporting nonprofit of the Teen Court program present at both of these schools. As a result we are able to provide services to students at both of these schools as well.

Also students who participate in our programs are eligible to join our Teen Court Alumni Association (TCAA) and continue to receive mentoring from us while they attend college. The TCAA members are eligible to be part time employees to assist us in providing the services outlined above.

I hope this answers your questions. Of course we will be available to go into more details and answer further questions you or your committee members may have at the meeting on January 5.

Happy New year.

Sincerely,

Seymour Amster

On Thu, Dec 31, 2020 at 7:08 PM PESA Admin <[pesaemmee@gmail.com](mailto:pesaemmee@gmail.com)> wrote:

**From:**Ramirez, Tammy <tammy.ramirez@lausd.net>  
**Sent:**Monday, December 14, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:**b.anderson@whcouncil.org <b.anderson@whcouncil.org>  
**Subject:**Superintendent Evaluation

Hello Mr. Anderson,

I hope you are well and having a great start to the week. My co-worker, Silvia, inquired to the General Counsel regarding the question posed about what metrics are utilized to evaluation the superintendent. Unfortunately, they cannot disclose metrics. Please see the response below from General Counsel:

Due to the confidentiality of the closed session meetings and privacy interests in personnel evaluations, we are unable to share the contents of the Superintendent's evaluations. However, the Superintendent is evaluated regularly by the Board of Education in closed session where the board members assess his job performance and provide regular feedback.

My co-worker is also inquiring about the case regarding distance learning. I will keep you posted.

My best,

Tammy

Tammy Ramirez  
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## Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council - BUDGET 20/21

*revised 9/16/20 by Budget Committee*

			Budgeted		Monthly	
			2020 -2021		Board Vote	Invoiced and Spent
					ALLOCATED	
						AVAILABLE
	<b>OPERATIONS/OFFICE</b>					
	<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>					
		Board Retreat				\$0.00
		Bank Charges, Fees (Union Bank)				\$0.00
		Refreshments-Board Events				\$0.00
			\$0.00			\$0.00
	<b>SPACE RENTAL (MONTHLY MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS)</b>					
	<b>Monthly Meetings</b>					
		American Legion - Board	\$600.00			\$600.00
		St. Bernadine's - PLUM	\$600.00			\$600.00
			\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
	<b>STORAGE</b>					
		Storage Etc	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
			\$3,000.00			\$2,600.00
	<b>PHONE SYSTEMS</b>					
		Grasshopper Phone	\$850.00			\$850.00
		Constant Contact	\$700.00			\$700.00
			\$1,550.00			\$1,550

<b>COMPUTER - DATA/CELL/SOFTWARE</b>						
	Verizon Wi-fi Hot Spot	\$500.00				\$500.00
	Software Upgrades	\$200.00				\$200.00
	Computer Repairs-Service	\$0.00				\$0.00
		\$700.00				\$700.00
<b>POSTAGE/MAILING</b>						
	UPS NC Mailbox Rental	\$550.00				\$550.00
		\$550.00				\$500.00
<b>OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>						
	Supplies and general printing	\$1,000.00			\$308.37	\$691.63
		\$1,000.00				\$691.63
<b>PRINTING</b>						
	PLUM - ARC Graphics	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
	Paper and Ink - NC Printer	\$500.00			\$59.11	\$440.89
		\$2,500.00			\$59.11	\$2,440.89
<b>OUTREACH – ITEMS &amp; SERVICES</b>						
	General Outreach Funds	\$10,100.00				\$10,100.00
			Flashlights	\$500.00		
			Door Hangers	\$300.00		
			Logo Tent	\$1,000.00		
	Social media	\$300.00				\$300.00
	Warner Center News	\$700.00				\$700.00
	One Generation Senior Event	\$500.00				\$500.00
	Valley Cultural Foundation	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00
		\$14,600.00				\$14,600.00

<b>OUTREACH – WEBSITE</b>						
	Upgrades	\$0.00				\$0.00
	Website Updates-Monthly	\$2,100.00	Hosting	\$1,200.00		\$2,100.00
	Website Hosting - BlueHost	\$300.00				\$300.00
		\$2,400.00				\$2,400.00
<b>ELECTIONS</b>						
	ELECTION FUNDS BUDGETED	\$4,000.00				\$4,000
		\$4,000.00				\$4,000
<b>200 - NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS and Community Improvement Projects</b>						
	West Valley Food Bank	\$500.00				\$500.00
	Other <i>(includes \$2,500 to Brahma Pt)</i>	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00
		\$5,500.00				\$5,500.00
<b>300 - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>						
	Community Outreach Committee	\$0.00				\$0
	Community Services Committee	\$1,000.00				\$1,000
	Education Committee	\$1,000.00				\$1,000
	Environmental Committee	\$1,000.00				\$1,000
	Governance Committee	\$0.00				\$0
	Public Safety	\$1,000.00				\$1,000
	PLUM	\$0.00				\$0

	<b>WHIP</b>		\$0.00				<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Promenade Ad-hoc Committee</b>		\$0.00				<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Homelessness Committee</b>		\$1,000.00				<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Public Art Ad-Hoc</b>		\$0.00				<b>\$0</b>
	<b>Public Parks Ad-Hoc</b>		\$0.00				<b>\$0</b>
			\$5,000.00				<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$42,000.00</b>				<b>\$41,182.52</b>