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**WOODLAND HILLS
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**Special Education Committee Meeting
Agenda**

Note Special Meeting for Date, Time and Location

Woodland Hills Fire Station #84

Community Room

Burbank Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Tuesday November 28, 2023

7:30 p.m.

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Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

All comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee.

1. Call to Order.
 2. Roll call of members: Julie Waltrip, Reina Cerros McCoughey, Heath Kline, Shelly Schwartz
 3. Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: (2) minutes per speaker.
 4. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): (1) minute per speaker.
 5. Approval of Committee Minutes: dated Oct. 3, 2023.
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Items for discussion and possible action:

Stakeholder Public Comment will be taken on each agenda item: (2) minutes per speaker.

Item One: (10 minutes presentation, 5-minute discussion)

See supporting documents

Lockhurst Drive Charter Elementary School PTO President Seliene Hacker is asking for a \$1300.00 Neighborhood Purpose Grant toward their garden facelift to enrich outdoor education for 500 students ranging from Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Visible from the street, the hardscape design calls for repurposing existing cinderblocks to create gardening beds at just the right height for a child to reach during this outdoor class.

Students will do all the gardening work themselves under a science teacher's direction, which may include seeding, planting, fertilizing, composting, designing, harvesting and even eating the fruits of their labor.

Types of produce could include carrots, cherry tomatoes, snap peas, leafy greens and strawberries.

Growing fruits and vegetables for consumption will teach students ecology, nutrition and sustainability. Each grade level will have a section of the garden to tend to. One section will be dedicated to composting. Students are taught not only to practice these life skills but also to share them with their own families and communities.

Garden supplies needed may include soil, seeds, trowels, shovels, water barrels, watering cans, and gloves. Students will be staining the cinder blocks then painting on their handprints.

The garden has not been upgraded in more than 15 years. Removing 3 of 6 trees will make way for new soil suitable for growing edible food.

Lockhurst is a diverse learning environment with two special day programs for students with moderate to severe autism, one for grades K-2 and one for grades 3-5. This redesigned garden experience will engage all Lockhurst students in outdoor education on a regular basis in a more sensory way than from a science book inside of a classroom.

Roll call vote (if applicable).

Item Two: (10 minutes) discussion on stakeholder and youth member involvement on the committee.

Roll call vote (if applicable)

Item Three: (10 minutes) discussion on future agenda items.

Roll call vote (if applicable).

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