



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Platt Branch Library - 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Agenda

Call to order – 6:35 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Present: Bill Anderson (Chair), Dan Chernow, Karen Koe, Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher (ex officio).

Absent: Paul Lawler, Carma Lu Thompson QUORUM 4 at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – August 2, 2018

Motion by: Dan Chernow Seconded by

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 2 Absent: 2

Public Comment: No one asked for time for public comment

Items for Committee discussion and possible action:

1. Project: Poster Contest

a. Administrative Problem

The Chair reported that the poster contest that was to be held as part of the Family Faire on 27 October has been cancelled. In discussing the project with the City Clerk's office as a preliminary to submission of a Project Approval application, administrative issues had arisen with regard to certain elements of the contest. It would have been difficult to resolve these issues given the time constraints in effect with regard to the contest being a part of the Family Faire. The committee discussed the expense items budgeted that related to the commitment to the Family Faire as a whole, i.e., doing the event t-shirts, flyers and banners. The contest related spending motion approved by the WHWCNC Board at its 4 September meeting will be submitted for reconsideration with regard to providing funds for the t-shirts, flyers and banners as well as for the WHWCNC to have a booth at the Family Faire.

b. Project Future

The Committee discussed possible spring dates for a poster contest done wholly by the WHWCNC. Further research will be done to arrive at possible date.

2. Melvoin Meeting with Parents 15 August

a. Meeting Report

Aaron Williams reported that the meeting was a part of the current outreach effort by LAUSD Board member, Nick Melvoin. The discussion included school academic issues as well as school safety issues. It was reported that Melvoin would welcome an invitation to do a presentation for the WHWCNC at a future Board meeting. As Woodland Hills is included in both LAUSD district #4 (Melvoin) and #3 (Scott Schmerelson), Aaron advised that presentations to WHWCNC should come from both Melvoin and Schmerelson. As it is most likely that a possible strike of LAUSD by teachers is in the offing, it was observed that United Teachers should be contacted about attending the Board meeting as well. Time allocated for the presentations & questions will be about 60 minutes. Joyce Fletcher, WHWCNC Board President, stated that it is necessary for the meeting agenda to know who will be in attendance and what they will be speaking about. Aaron Williams and Dan Chernow will work on suggested topics for discussion.

3. Project: Meet the Principals Outreach

The Chair reported that Carma Lu Thompson is researching the local school principals. However, Carma is under the weather and is unable to attend this meeting. Currently, an introduction letter is being drafted to send to the principals and a “leave behind” is being created that will introduce both the committee and the WHWCNC. It was pointed out that attention should be also be directed toward the local school’s PTAs & PTOs.

reported that she had made start on the letter and would have a full draft by the next Committee meeting.

4. Project: Public Conversation with Local School Board Reps

The Committee discussed the potential program for the “Public Conversation. The Chair will discuss such a project with the City Clerk’s office to head off any issues.

5. Discussion of the Feuer Blue Ribbon Panel Report

While it was felt that the Report’s recommendations were good, concern was expressed that no funding needs or sources were discussed and no indication of priorities was mentioned. The committee discussed the need for the WHWCNC Board to comment about the Report. It was felt that the Committee should draft a letter outlining its concerns with the report. This letter would be presented the WHWCNC Board for vote and then go out under the Board’s signature. It was observed that the WHWCNC Public Safety Committee should also provide input and the letter should be submitted jointly to the Board.

6. Committee Administration

The Chair announced that the Committee’s regular meeting day will be the first Tuesday of the month with the meeting place generally at the Platt Library. However, the October meeting will be held at Woodland Hills Library as the meeting room at Platt is unavailable for the 1st Tuesday of October.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the WHWCNC Education Committee will be an item for discussion as the Chairman has a conflict on November 5th, the 1st Tuesday in November.

Adjournment of meeting: Chairman Bill Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes: Submitted by Education Committee Chairman Bill Anderson.