



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

American Legion Hall – 5320 Fallbrook Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Call to order – 5:03 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Present: Bill Anderson (Chair), Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler, Aaron Williams. Absent: Joyce Fletcher (ex officio). QUORUM 4 at 5:05 p.m.

Approval with Corrections of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – October 2, 2018

Motion by: Dan Chernow Seconded by Paul Lawler

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Public Comment: No one asked for public comment time

Agenda

Items for Committee discussion and possible action:

1. Review of Melvoin & Schemerelson Presentation @ WHWCNC Board Meeting

The Committee discussed the Melvoin / Schemerelson presentation that was part of the 10 October WHWCNC Board Meeting. The Committee was of a mind that the presentation was “ok,” but the event would have been better with more structure and planning. It was observed that Mr. Schemerelson mentioned that there was no formal mechanism for yearly evaluation of the Superintendent. The Committee discussed the possibility of the WHWCNC sending a letter of inquiry to LAUSD verifying this point.

Action Items: Make a request to the WHWCNC Board that it send a letter to the appropriate person at LAUSD inquiring about the yearly performance review mechanism in place for the Superintendent.

2. Project: Meet the Principals Outreach

The Committee reviewed the letter of introduction to be sent to the local school principals that Dan Chernow had composed. The committee approved the letter with the proviso that copy be added that informed the principals that Neighborhood Purpose Grants are available from the WHWCNC. The Committee “ok’d” the leave behind” flyer, designed by Bill Anderson, that will be taken to the Principal meetings. The Committee decided that the letters should first go to a select list made up mainly of elementary schools.

Action item: Bill Anderson to add NPG copy to the letter and send to selected principals.

3. Project: Public Conversation with Local School Board Reps

Bill Anderson reported that the upcoming LAUSD election will be to fill the District 5 seat now vacant due to the resignation of Ref Rodriguez. There will be a primary election on March 5th and if no candidate wins a majority, there will be a runoff in May. These should not interfere with the proposed “Public Conversation.” Aaron Williams reported that he had talked Nick Melvoin about doing a presentation with Q&A in the coming months. Mr. Melvoin was open to the idea but suggested that the area’s state Assemblyman and Senator should be included. The possibility of doing the meeting with the LAUSD Superintendent or a District Superintendent was discussed. Paul Lawler suggested that the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee may be of help in doing this project. Most local schools are represented on the committee.

Action Item: Bill Anderson to contact with the Chamber Education Committee about this project.

4. Project: Poster Contest

Bill Anderson reported that there is a possibility of doing the Poster Contest in the Spring, possibly for Earth Day. However, that might conflict with the Poster Contest that Tarzana NC is doing for Earth Day. It was reported that there is a new rep in the City Clerk that deals with WHWCNC. This may make a difference in the project in receiving more complete information on permissible project components.

5. Committee Administration

Bill Anderson reported that Karen Koe and Carma Lu Thompson have withdrawn from the Committee. Ms. Thompson is doing so due to health issues. The need to recruit a teacher for the Committee was discussed.

Bill Anderson reported on the booth that the WHWCNC has at the Family Faire. Traffic to the booth was heavy with over 30 new names for the Council’s mailing list.

6. New Business

The Committee discussed the need to do a formal critique of the City Attorney’s “Blue Ribbon Panel Report.” It was observed that this may need to be a letter from the WHWCNC Board.

Action Item: The Committee will bring talking points for the letter to the next meeting.

Announcements: None

Adjournment of meeting: Chairman Bill Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes: Submitted by Education Committee Chairman Bill Anderson.