



## **MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm**

Woodland Hills Library, 22200 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Call to order – 6:36 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Present: Bill Anderson (Chair), Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler. Absent: Aaron Williams, Joyce Fletcher (ex officio). QUORUM 4 at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – November 14, 2018

Motion by: Dan Chernow Seconded by Paul Lawler

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

Public Comment: No one asked for public comment time

### **Agenda**

#### **Items for Committee discussion and possible action:**

##### **1. Project: “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program**

The committee approved the revised letter of introduction to be sent to the Woodland Hills LAUSD school principals with corrections. It was decided to send first to the elementary school and middle school principals. Paul Lawler reported that his assistant has a list of principals with contact information.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson to send letters of introduction requesting a meeting to the Woodland Hills LAUSD elementary & middle school principals.*

##### **2. Project: Possible Public Conversation with LAUSD Executive**

Bill Anderson reported that the LAUSD District 5 election would occur on 5 March. If a run-off is necessary, it would happen in May. He also brought copies of the paperwork and the requirements that the City of Los Angeles imposes for public events done the Neighborhood Councils. The committee discussed doing the program in April as part of a WHWCNC Board meeting. This would avoid the bureaucratic requirements necessary for a separated NC public meeting. It was pointed out that committee needs to finalize its goals for such an event.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson to talk to WHWCNC President, Joyce Fletcher about making the Public Conversation a part of the April WHWCNC Board meeting.*

*Action Item: The committee members will formulate ideas about what the Public Conversation should accomplish and be ready to discuss these at the next Education Committee meeting.*

### **3. Discussion of Request to LAUSD for Information**

The committee continued its discussion regarding the question of whether there is a procedure in place to evaluate the LAUSD Superintendent's performance on a yearly basis. The issue was raised for the committee by a comment made at the October WHWCNC Board meeting by LAUSD Board of Education member Scott Schemerelson. The committee discussed writing a letter of inquiry to both the LAUSD Board members that represent Woodland Hills – Nick Melvoin and Scott Schemerelson. The committee decided that both should receive the letter.

*Action Item: Dan Chernow to draft a letter of inquiry on the subject for discussion at the next Education Committee meeting.*

### **4. Discussion of Blue-Ribbon Panel Report**

The committee reviewed its previous discussions regarding the report published by LA City Attorney Mike Feuer's Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety. The committee decided that its questions regarding the reports recommendations and their realization could be answered via a telephone inquiry to the City Attorney's office.

*Action Item: Dan Chernow will call the City Attorney's office to gather information on the status of the report's recommendations.*

### **5. Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Request for CIS Support**

The committee discussed the request by the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council for support of its initiative that child care be provided for NC council members at Neighborhood Council meetings. Arroyo Seco has asked for all NCs to submit a CIS requesting this service. While supportive of the concept, the committee felt that liability and insurance issues made this impractical. The committee decided that it could not support the initiative and would not recommend to the WHWCNC Board that a CIS be submitted.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson is to inform Arroyo Seco of the committee's decision.*

### **6. WH Elementary School – “Parents and Teachers Together” Landscape Program**

The committee discussed the informal request by the Parents & Teachers Together Program at Woodland Hills Elementary School for support of its gardening program. The committee felt that the items submitted were inadequate and that the descriptions so

provided did not indicate ways in which the committee could support on an ongoing basis.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson is to communicate with the group regarding submitting a request that better describes an ongoing program.*

## **7. Committee Administration**

The committee discussed the need for more committee members. Paul Lawler suggested that someone from the committee attend the West Valley Chamber of Commerce's monthly Education Committee meeting to meet school personnel and others who might be interested in serving.

*Action Item: Paul Lawler will send Dan Chernow information about the Chamber Education Committee's meeting and its logistics.*

## **8. New Business**

Bill Anderson reported that Barbara Metzenbaum, Head Librarian at Woodland Hills Library, has inquired about committee interest in helping to organize "history" months at the library. The committee felt that such participation should be done on an individual basis by committee members. The committee discussed possible times and places for future committee meetings.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson to talk to Barbara to get more information about what she has in mind so that committee members can evaluate their individual participation.*

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment of meeting:** Chairman Bill Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

*Minutes: Submitted by Education Committee Chairman Bill Anderson.*