



## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Anderson.

Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson

Present: Bill Anderson, Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler Douglas Marriott, Ginny Sand. Absent: John Sandy Campbell, Dr. Gina Thornburg, Aaron Williams.

QUORUM 5 at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – August 6, 2019

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by: Dan Chernow; Second by: Ginny Sand.

Vote – Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3

Public Comment: No one asked for public comment time

Arrived late: Dr. Gina Thornburg (6:45 p.m.), Aaron Williams (6:43 p.m.).

### **COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **Items for discussion and possible vote:**

##### **1. Introduction of Committee Members**

As this was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the committee, reflecting newly revised committee assignments per the election concluded last May, the Board Members introduced themselves individually and gave a short description of each's background. This included: Bill Anderson, Dan Chernow, Paul Lawler, Douglas Marriott, Ginny Sand, Dr. Gina Thornburg, Aaron Williams.

##### **2. Pierce College Food Pantry Project**

###### Brahma Pantry

Dr. Gina Thornburg reported that "Brahma Pantry" is the correct name of the Pierce College program. She also reported that she is making inquiry to D'Arcy Corwin regarding the protocols that must be observed for the Food Pantry to offer perishable food items. Her assumption is that these will be the same protocols as required by LA County Food Inspection. Dr. Thornburg also reported that Ms. Corwin is willing to give the

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Committee a tour of the Brahma Pantry. The Committee is requesting a “fact-finding” tour in order to ascertain how the Committee can best support the Pantry. It was noted that more than likely, only a 501 c 3 organization could receive an NPG from the Committee. Pierce College should have such a foundation. However, the issue that arises is such donation to a Pierce foundation should be done with the assurance that the NPG money could be directed to the Brahma Pantry.

*Action Item: Dr. Gina Thornburg will coordinate with D’Arcy Corwin to organize a possible tour of the Brahma Pantry and poll the Committee as to the best day / time to do it.*

*Action Item: Paul Lawler to do research with the City of Los Angeles regarding if NPG money could be given to a Pierce College foundation for something the Brahma Pantry needs.*

### Possible Food Drive for Brahma Pantry

The Committee discussed a possible food drive aimed at supporting the Brahma Pantry and the “Students against Student Hunger” (STASH) program at Pierce. Doing such a drive in conjunction with the December 2019 Meeting of the WHWCNC Board of Directors was discussed. It was observed that Serrania Elementary and Woodland Hills Elementary have done food drives in the past. The Committee discussed the possibility of approaching the local supermarkets to participate in a food drive: Ralphs, Sprouts, Wholefoods, Trader Joe’s. The Committee felt such an effort required more planning and that a sub-committee of Douglas Marriott and Gina Thornburg would formulate a project plan, compose a motion for the November WHWCNC Board meeting, based upon said plan, and bring all to the next Committee meeting for consideration.

*Action Item: Doug Marriott to find out the details of any food drive that Woodland Hills Elementary has done and Gina Thornburg to approach Serrania Elementary as well.*

*Action Item: Doug Marriott, Gina Thornburg, and Ginny Sand to interface with the following local supermarkets about possible food drive participation: Whole Foods and Trades Joe’s (Gina Thornburg), Sprouts (Doug Marriott), Ralphs (Ginny Sand).*

*Action Item: Doug Marriott and Gina Thornburg to do draft food drive plan and compose a draft motion to be taken to the WHWCNC Board of Directors.*

### **3. West Valley Occupational Center High School Equivalency Exams**

Gina Thornburg reported that the WVOC does one graduation for their High School Equivalency program in the spring. Donations for the program go into a “pool.” It is unclear with such money can be directed to any individual students. Dr. Thornburg also reported that WVOC principal has committed to speaking to the Committee at its next meeting.

**4. “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program**

Bill Anderson reported that because of a problem with WHWCNC President Joyce Fletcher’s email, the distribution list for the Principal’s Letter did not get to her. Therefore the letters did not go out to the principals. He is re-sending the lists to Ms. Fletcher. Also, the leave-behind must be updated to reflect the new committee roster.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson to re-send principal’s email list to Joyce Fletcher.*

**5. Schmerelson / Melvoin Letter Regarding LAUSD Administrative Procedure**

Bill Anderson reported that because of a problem with WHWCNC President Joyce Fletcher’s email, the distribution list for the Schmerelson / Melvoin Letter did not get to her. Therefore the letters did not go out to the LAUSD Board and the others that were on the list. He is re-sending the list to Ms. Fletcher.

*Action Item: Bill Anderson to re-send LAUSD & others email list to Joyce Fletcher.*

**6. Discussion of Possible LAUSD Hygiene Project**

The Committee discussed the need to move the LAUSD Hygiene Project forward. Gina Thornburg reported that she has not contacted Matthew Meyer at Taft High School to talk specifically about the project. Doug Marriott reported that he has been in contact with Sisters on the Street (SOS) who have done similar projects in the past. He learned that any possible project should also include an “awareness workshop” to let girls know of its existence and how to take advantage of it. It is unclear whether SOS and Taft have been in contact about a hygiene project.

*Action Item: Gina Thornburg to follow up with SOS and Matthew Meyer regarding they have connected.*

**7. Education Legislation Discussion**

**California AB 302**

Bill Anderson reported that AB 302 was withdrawn in September. However, as the current legislative session is a two year session, the bill may be reintroduced in January.

*Action Item: The Committee will monitor the progress of any such re-introduction of AB 302.*

### Potential Legislation

CA SB 419 (“Willful Defiance”) – Aaron Williams reported that Governor Newsom has signed into law a bill that may prevent students, grades 4 – 8, from being suspended for negative behavior. The Committee was unclear about the contents of the bill and any possible ramifications. As such, it was decided that the Committee members should read the bill and discuss it at the next meeting of the committee.

### Higher Education Earthquake Retrofit Bond Issue

Dan Chernow reported that there will be a vote in March about funding a bond issue to earthquake retrofit buildings on UC, CSU and community college campuses. The committee decided it should read such a bond issue and discuss any appropriate CIS that they may submit to the City Council by way of support.

*Action Item: Dan Chernow will bring copies of the bond issue bill to the next Committee meeting.*

## 8. Committee Administration

Dan Chernow agreed to track legislation on the state, county and city levels that concerns education and bring such items to the attention of the Committee.

## 9. New Business

Gina Thornburg reported that Nick Melvoin is backing a possible system that will rate local schools A, B, C, D with regard to their quality. This will be done electronically. The Committee will monitor this.

### Adjournment of meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:49 p.m. by Gina Thornburg; Second by: Douglas Marriott.  
Vote – Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

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