



MINUTES - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – 6:30 – 7:50 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

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1. Call to order – 6:36 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Anderson
2. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Bill Anderson.
3. Roll Call – by Chairman, Bill Anderson
Present: Bill Anderson, John Sandy Campbell, Dan Chernow, Douglas Marriott, Ginny Sand, Gina Thornburg, PhD. Absent: Paul Lawler.

QUORUM of 6 at 6:38 p.m.

4. Approval of Minutes: Education Committee Meeting – August 4, 2020
Motion to accept the minutes by: Gina Thornburg; seconded by Dan Chernow.
Vote – Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Public Announcements: There were no public announcements.

6. Public Comment:

Gina Thornburg expressed concern about the online fall semester opening of LAUSD schools as it could create a “digital divide” amongst students. Many students may not be able to afford a laptop and / or a digital / internet subscription. LAUSD is getting money to address this but the situation may be something that the NC could address.

Ginny Sand observed that children need to be back in class. Ginny said that a number of organizations including the CDC are urging the opening of schools especially for children in the lower grades. Special needs children in particular need to be in school. Computers should be supplied to children from low income households.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

7. Items for discussion and possible vote:

Item No. (1) Discussion of “Meet the Principals” Outreach Program

Bill Anderson reported that LAUSD had just announced that schools would be opening online shortly. The Committee discussed the enormous challenge that opening online presents for school principals. The Committee decided that “Meet the Principals” should be put in abeyance and that the Committee would come back to it in a few months.

Item No. (2) Pierce College Brahma Pantry Support

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Gina Thornburg reported that she had been in contact with the Pantry manager D'Arcy Corwin and had learned that the Pantry was being affected by both the state of California's defunding of food pantries on community college campuses. About \$11.4 million is gone. Additionally, the pandemic has changed how the pantry is operating. As it is not physically open due to the pandemic, the pantry is distributing \$50 grocery store gift cards to students who apply for them. Approximately 255 students are being helped this way. Citi National Bank has given the pantry a grant of \$1,900 for the program. What ever funding the committee can provide will be well used she stated.

Dan Chernow made the following motion as per the agenda:

Whereas Neighborhood Councils were established as advisory bodies who advocate for their communities with City Hall on important issues like development, homelessness, and emergency preparedness. Neighborhood Councils are part of the Los Angeles City government, and have annual budgets funded by taxpayer dollars; and,

Whereas a recent research article in Ed Source (<https://edsource.org/2020/community-colleges-struggle-with-students-food-needs-as-pandemic-increases-demand/634155>) reports in a survey of Community Colleges that out of 46 responses to an EdSource survey of the 115 community colleges, all 46 have campus food pantries, with 26 continuing to distribute food despite campus closures. Twenty-one say their food pantries have seen an increase of applications for food and/or an increase in the amount of food being requested; and,

Whereas Pierce Community College is the sole Community College in the geographical area of the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council; and,

Whereas the WHWCNC Education Committee has explored and determined the need for donations to address elements of many student's food insecurity issues at the College;

Be it resolved that the WHWCNC Education Committee requests the full WHWCNC to do the following:

1. Request that Councilmember Bob Blumenfield contribute \$10,000 to the Pierce Community College food bank from his officeholders account.
2. The Neighborhood Council donate \$5,000 to the Pierce Community College food bank from its operating account.
3. The Council promote an online fundraising campaign among residents within its geographical boundary to support the Pierce Community College food bank.

The Motion was seconded by Ginny Sand.

Dan Chernow accepted a friendly amendment made by Gina Thornburg correcting several items of nomenclature, said corrections appear in bold:

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Whereas **Los Angeles** Pierce Community College is the sole Community College in the geographical area of the Woodland Hills **Warner Center** Neighborhood Council; and,

Whereas the WHWCNC Education Committee has explored and determined the need for donations to address elements of many student's food insecurity issues at the College;

Be it resolved that the WHWCNC Education Committee requests the full WHWCN to do the following:

1. Request that Councilmember Bob Blumenfield contribute \$10,000 to the **Foundation for** Pierce Community College **earmarked solely for the Brahma Pantry** from his officeholders account.
2. The Neighborhood Council donate \$5,000 to the **Foundation for** Pierce Community College **earmarked solely for the Brahma Pantry** from its operating account.
3. **The Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood** Council promote an online fundraising campaign among residents within its geographical boundary to support the Pierce Community College **Brahma Pantry**.

The Committee discussed the amount of WHWCNC support and the fact that the WHWCNC Budget Committee had not set a meeting to discuss the WHWCNC budget in greater detail due to the fact that the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office was working from home making communications more difficult.

Public Comment was made by Brahma Pantry Manager, D'Arcy Corwin. Ms. Corwin reported that the students can not go onto campus due to the pandemic. Many students are also facing eviction due to layoffs and other problems. As a result, the grocery store gift cards mean a great deal to the students.

The Committee proceeded to vote with the following results:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion passed.

Item No. (3) LAUSD Hygiene Project

The Committee discussed the progress on the project. Gina Thornburg reported that her contact at Taft is not now listed on staff. Doug Marriott reported that the prior year's NPG was sent to Sisters on the Street. It was not returned. As kids are not going to be physically at their schools, other possible distribution was discussed.

Action Item: Doug Marriott and Gina Thornburg to reach out to Sisters on the Street to if there is any movement on this issue.

Item No. (4) West Valley Occupational Center HiSet Program

Gina Thornburg reported that she has reached to WVOC Monica Balbuena to see what is going on without response.

Action Item: Gina Thornburg to follow up with Monica Balbuena.

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Item No. (5) Discussion of Possible Projects with Girl Scouts and / or Boy Scouts

John Sandy Campbell reported that she had found that Girl Scout dues are \$25 per year and that uniforms cost approximately \$100. Ginny Sand reported that Boys Scout dues are \$120 per year with uniforms costing about \$150. Boy Scouts are reported to be in bankruptcy due a number of lawsuits. Revenues are reported to be down as is membership. The Committee was of the opinion that more information on what local scouts may need in form of support before consideration of assistance can be discussed.

Action Item: John Sandy Campbell and Ginny Sand to research needs of scouts.

Item No. (6) Discussion of Possible Jobs Fair

John Sandy Campbell reported that she would like for the committee to put together some preliminary ideas for a live Jobs Fair in the late spring, possible at the Rose Goldwater facility on Vanowen and Owensmouth. Donations for such an event would require working through a non-profit and communication with LAUSD. Bill Anderson observed that the Committee would need an idea of the cost of such an event to more fully consider it.

Action Item: John Sandy Campbell to do preliminary cost research.

Item No. (7) Discussion of FY 2021 Budget / TimeLine

Bill Anderson reported that he had discussed the budgeting timeline with Paul Lawler, WHWCNC Treasurer. As the Los Angeles City Clerks office is working from home and is overwhelmed, there is now news as to progress.

Item No. (8) Discussion of Committee Administrative Item – Possible New Committee Members

The Committee discussed the recruitment of new members. Gina Thornburg suggested Pierce College Brahma Pantry Manager, D'Arcy Corwin. As Ms. Corwin was attending the meeting the Committee outlined the what committee participation would entail.

Action Item: Bill Anderson will contact Ms. Corwin with more information on the process of joining.

Item No. (9) Discussion of Committee Administrative Item – Committee Organization

John Sandy Campbell reported on the general steps needed to form a non-profit organization. It was reported that other Neighborhood Councils had formed such organizations. The Committee felt they needed to hear from other Neighborhood Councils that had formed such an organization about their experience. Bill Anderson reported that West Hills Neighborhood Council had created a non-profit.

Action Item: John Sandy Campbell to reach out to West Hills Neighborhood Council for more information.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of using the Team Work App to organize its work. Gina Thornburg asked if there would be Brown Act issues using the App.

Action Item: Bill Anderson to contact Vanessa Serrano to see about potential problems.

Item No. (10) New Business

There was no "New Business."

Adjournment of meeting:

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:12 p.m. by Gina Thornburg; Second by: Dan Chernow Marriott.

Vote – Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion Passed.

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