

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes 3/7/18

1. **Call to Order.** 5:08
2. **Roll Call and determination of quorum. Members of the committee: Adam Brown, Rafael De La Rosa, Joe Kozul, Adam LaBrie, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

Brown, Kozul, and Petersen were present.

3. **Approve Minutes from the February meeting.**

Moved by Brown, Seconded by Kozul. Passed 3:0:0

4. **Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items.**

No comments from the five members of the public who were present.

5. **Continue discussion of the KPCC report “School-within-a-school: Some parents want out of iGranada's 'blended' program”, including lack of response to the letter that this committee sent to Granada and a possible Public Records Act request.**

Granada did not respond to the email that was sent to them on February 9. According to Ralph Hiepp, who describes himself as an ambassador for the school, the school’s lawyers have advised that they not respond in writing. He did, however, present us with the following information:

There are 415 students in the iGranada program. The breakdown of these students is as follows:

Grade	Within Boundaries	Outside Boundaries
9th	46.61%	53.39%
10th	50%	50%
11th	80.6%	19.4%
12th	72.22%	27.78%

Economic Breakdown:

48.43% Low Income
51.57% Above

Ethnicity

1% Native American
20% Asian
5% Black

44% Hispanic
27% Caucasian
3% Not Stated

10.36% of the students have an IEP.

Transferring is done on a First In First Out basis. No waiting list is kept.

The committee thanks Mr. Hiepp for providing the information. However, a concern was expressed that the school had not validated the data.

A motion was made by Kozul to proceed with the Public Records Request discussed at the February meeting. It was seconded by Petersen.

Approved:

Ayes 2 (Kozul, Petersen)

Noes 0

Abstained 1 (Brown)

6. Discussion about the use of CSUN Soccer and athletic fields by Northridge Academy High School Students. The shared use agreement and related documents have been posted online:

Discussion of the issues postponed till next month. There was a consensus to limit the discussion as follows:

- Keep to this specific issue.
- What operating agreement is currently in force and how is it being followed?
- In what ways, if at all, is Northridge Academy using CSUN athletic facilities.

7. Request for assistance from Dearborn Elementary PTA.

Representatives of Dearborn introduced the committee to the school including the special programs that they offer including technology integration, music and robotics. They would like to submit a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to the NENC.

8. Outreach to schools within the NENC boundaries.

Brown will reach out to the elementary and middle schools within the NENC and report back to the committee.

9. Continue discussion of how to better prepare graduates of the Northridge Academy High School for success after graduation. The following have been suggested as possible resources:

Ralph Hiepp says that Granada is willing to provide assistance to Northridge Academy math program if the NENC Education Committee stops investigating Granada. The offer was rejected.

Discussion will continue next month.

10. Continue discussion about the impact of charter schools on the schools within the NENC boundaries including Holding GHCHS Accountable to Their Charter resolution and plans for expansion.

Petersen will research the data for VAAS and Kennedy and bring this information to the next meeting.

11. Continue to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety issues on Zelzah Avenue including the speed limit increase, the promised traffic signal and the proposed CSUN Multi-Story Parking Structure Abutting Northridge Academy High School.

No current updates. Will remove from future agendas.

12. Continue discussion of criminal charges against Ref Rodriguez and other issues related to the LAUSD Board.

No new updates.

13. Set date and location for next meeting and receive ideas for future agenda items.

Brown is unable to attend the meeting set for April 4. Petersen will determine if the meeting needs to be switched to March 28.

14. Adjournment 6:46