

NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2018

1. **Call to Order.** 5:15
2. **Roll Call and determination of quorum. Members of the committee: Adam Brown, Rafael De La Rosa, Joe Kozul, Carl Petersen (Chair).**

De La Rosa, Kozul, and Petersen were present.

3. **Approve Minutes from the May 2, meeting.**

Moved by Kozul, seconded by De La Rosa. Passed 3:0:0.

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

Five members of the public were present. No comment was made.

5. **Discussion on student safety. Guest speaker is scheduled.**

Melanie from West Valley Resistance gave a presentation on the efforts to increase student safety since the Sandy Hook shooting. Included in the facts presented:

- a) Los Angeles School Police were involved in the initial efforts but friction developed between the them and the LAPD.
- b) The District has favored random searches over lockdown drills.
- c) In 1958 a fire at Our Lady of the Angels School in Chicago killed 92 students and three nuns. "Within one year of the fire, new fire safety regulations were enacted nationwide and 16,500 older schools were brought up to code."

Using the information from the presentation the following resolutions were crafted:

- a) The NENC Education Committee recommends that the board pass a resolution asking the LAUSD to do the following:

Expand funding for existing counseling, mental health, and other outreach services that aid in the prevention of, and response to, violent acts - including the expansion of the number of certified mental health counselors available for each middle and high school.

Solicit immediate federal and state funding for schools to provide for updated security measures in order to deter and/or alert school staff, students and first-responders to violent encounters on campus.

Ensure that all LAUSD emergency plans shall include a set of mandatory minimum

requirements applicable to all schools, including independent charters, for critical procedures and yearly training, and that the district provide staff and resources to work with schools to implement these plans.

Ensure that active shooter drills are conducted as often as fire drills.

Ensure that the 90 Day Safe School Communities Strategy Plan incorporate input from other school districts, LASP, LAPD, and national school safety experts.

Ensure that the LAUSD, LASP, and LAPD work together to implement outreach programs with the goal of increasing the positive interaction between the LASP and local students so as to build a basis of future trust between youth and local law enforcement.

Moved by Petersen, seconded by De La Rosa. Passed 3:0:0.

- b) The NENC Education Committee recommends that the board pass the following resolution and invite a speaker from the West Valley Resistance to give a presentation:

Whereas, school safety is a top priority for every resident of California;

Therefore, it is resolved, that the Northridge East Neighborhood Council proposes to support Assembly Bill 1747 if amended as follows:

- a) Re: Page 10 - Line 1 (A) - change to read "A representative of local religious institutions.

- b) The State Department of Education shall work with representatives of local school districts, first responders, and recognized safety experts to set minimum standards for training and resources required for the prevention, response, and notification requirements related to violent criminal activities. While the standards may vary based on school size and type, they shall be applicable to all schools within California; and the State shall provide the funding resources deemed necessary to implement the requirements in public schools.

- c) The State shall provide a funding source for school safety improvements.

- d) The State shall provide funding for intervention programs including, but not limited to: violence prevention, mental health, and counseling programs.

Moved by Petersen, seconded by De La Rosa. Passed 3:0:0.

- 6. Discuss LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson's visit to the NENC Board meeting on May 16, including remarks on selection of the new Superintendent.**

Summarized visit by the Board member and his [comments](#) about his dissatisfaction with the new Superintendent's lack of education experience. Answers were also provided for the committee's three questions.

7. PETERSEN Update on request for assistance from Dearborn Elementary PTA.

There were no updates to provide.

Kozul left at 5:48 and the meeting lost quorum.

8. BROWN Update on outreach to schools within the NENC boundaries. Include guidance to Board for NPGs in the next fiscal year.

Brown was not present to provide an update.

9. Discussion of a motivational program for Northridge Academy High School.

Postponed till next meeting.

10. KOZUL Discussion of benefits/drawbacks of turning Northridge Academy into a "neighborhood school."

Postponed till next meeting.

11. Update on Teen Court Program at Northridge Academy HS.

Postponed till next meeting.

12. 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.

Postponed till next meeting.

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

Postponed till next meeting.

14. Continue discussion of the KPCC report “School-within-a-school: Some parents want out of iGranada's 'blended' program”, including documents received from Public Records Act request.

Postponed till next meeting.

15. Continue discussion of how to better prepare LAUSD graduates for success in college math programs. The following have been suggested as possible resources:

Postponed till next meeting.

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

17. Adjournment 5:54