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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Education Committee Mon., January 9, 2023 7pm – 8pm

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Vision:

Equitable and high-quality educational opportunities for all persons in Van Nuys.

Mission:

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Education Committee seeks to promote transformative learning experiences, support educational partnerships, and encourage and celebrate education successes in our schools and community.

Voting Members:

Kathy Schreiner (Interim Chair)

Members: Hakop Azatyan, David Harari, and Suju Vijayan

Agenda

1. Call to Order. Roll Call and determination of quorum. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Opening comments from Chairperson.
3. Presentation and discussion with representatives from **Our Turn**, which organizes students and youth for educational equity in LA schools. Representative Ashley Lautzenhizer, along with Genesis Cruz, Our Turn organizing fellow and student at Jordan High School

Background references. Website: <https://www.itsourturn.org/>

Link to the Our Turn Student Agenda, which details some of Our Turn’s youth-led goals for LA schools: <https://www.itsourturn.org/la>

4. Review and approval of Minutes for the 10/10/22 meeting.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/VNNC-2022-10-10-Education-Committee-Minutes.pdf>
5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (maximum of 2 min per stakeholder)
6. Library news and information on upcoming library events

7. Information from LAUSD and questions to explore with LAUSD.
 - a. See Attachment A for response from Karla Silva, School and Community Coordinator, with information requested at 10/10 meeting.
 - b. Information on funding for facilities improvements at schools within the VNNC area obtained by Scott Schmerelson, Board Member, District 3 of LAUSD.
 - 'Approved at 8/20/22 School Board meeting
 - Secure Entry System for Cardenas ES and Kester ES.
 - [Install video surveillance \(CCTV\) system at Van Nuys HS](#)
 - Classroom furniture at Van Nuys MS
 - Approved at 11/15/22 School Board meeting
 - Cardenas ES - exterior lunch tables
 - Sylvan Park EEC - classroom furniture
 - Sylvan Park ES - new shade structure
 - c. David would like to know what is being done to provide each school with a library that is open during the school day. Some elementary schools do not have the type of library he had access to when he attended school.
 - d. Hakop would like to know more about what is planned as upgrades to schools in the VNNC area. He says that some of the schools he attended as a student still look much the same.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding advocacy for prioritization of SFV LAUSD Middle Schools for implementation of the Department of Recreation and Parks' "Community School Park" program to make school grounds available on weekends for community use for structured recreational activities.
 - a. Draft CIS to be submitted to Recreation and Parks Commission.
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Draft-CIS-regarding-developing-SFV-middle-schools-as-Community-School-Parks.pdf>
 - b. Draft CIS to be submitted to LAUSD School Board regarding how implementation of the Community School Park program in the San Fernando Valley supports the Resolution presented by Board President Kelly Gonez and adopted by the School Board regarding Green Schools for All
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LAUSD-Gonez-motion-on-Green-Schools-for-All.docx>
9. High Priority Initiatives
 - a. Offer to participate in Civics education at Van Nuys High School. (Board Member Scott Schmerelson to help make the appropriate contact. No response received yet from Van Nuys High School.)
10. Low Priority Initiatives to be reviewed periodically
 - a. Certificates/VNNC recognition of accomplishments – may want to coordinate with Community of Schools staff to identify targets for recognition.
 - b. Consider whether to share information in the spring to inform the community

about the LAUSD Choices program and magnet schools in Van Nuys (including Van Nuys High School, which was named a National Magnet School of Distinction for the sixth year in a row)?

- c. Defer idea regarding urging the City to plant street trees on Kittridge on the northern side of Van Nuys High School.
11. Member comments and suggestions for future agenda items. Also, Committee members are invited to share education-related events and information for the benefit of informing those in attendance.
 12. Adjournment.

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[Attachment A](#)

Email from Scott Schmerelson's Assistant, sent after 10/10 Education Committee meeting that Mr. Schmerelson attended.

From: Silva, Karla <karla.silva1@[lausd.net](mailto:karla.silva1@lausd.net)>

To: kathy.schreiner vnnc.org

Tue 10/18/2022 12:24 PM

Hi Ms. Kathy,

I finally got all the follow-ups to the questions you all had at the committee meeting last week.

- We went ahead and forwarded your email about civic education to the Van Nuys High School principal, you should be hearing back from the school shortly.
- We also asked the head Food Services Division Mr. Manish about providing school lunches while students are on break and this was his response:

"Federal regulations no longer permit us to serve meals when schools are not in session. On the other hand, USDA is still issuing P-EBT cards, and till the time these cards are available, families that qualify will be able to get funds for students when schools are not in session.

Please note that the cards are customarily issued some months after the break. For e.g., cards for summer will probably be issued in November. (LAUSD is not responsible for card distribution, which is in the hands of USDA and distributed by CDE."

- As for Board District 3's recent school projects that we have participated in, please refer to our website for up-to-date resolutions:

<https://boardmemberscott.org/our-schools/>

Thank you so much for your involvement with our schools. Hope to hear from you again soon!

Karla Silva

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