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Joint Education/Public Health Committee/Board Meeting

Minutes: DRAFT

Wednesday, August 24, 2016, @ 3:00 p.m.

Platt Branch Library 23600 Victory Boulevard, CA 91367

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting are asked to fill out a speaker card. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period.

Call to Order @ 3:15 PM Aida Abkarians, Education Co-Chair

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Education Co-Chair, Ed Young, Education Co-Chair; Jacquie Young,, Ed. Secretary; Sandi Bell, Public Health Chair; Stephen Bell Public Health Secretary; Stave Randall.
Absent Joan Trent, Helen Sakamoto

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes not available

Teacher Award Program starting date: After some discussion, the Committee decided to send out the Award applications after Sept. 19, which is "Norming Day" (the day that school enrollment is finalized.) Also, there will be one distribution of the applications while there will be two presentations; one in January and another in June. This means that the research and paperwork from the schools will be minimized to only one time.

Discussion on new revised forms for the award program: Steve Randall will update and furnish the revised application form for distribution to the schools. Deadline for submission to the Committee is December 14, 2016.

Neighborhood Purpose Grant (2016/2017): Aida encouraged that the Committee get pictures and evaluation statements of the projects funded in 2015-2106 by the WHNC, so that these can be used by the Council's Communications Committee in social media. This will add credibility for the NPGs among the schools, as well as to validate projects to DONE and Empower LA.

Committee members school liaison assignments are as follows:

Pomelo & Welby Way; Aida Abkarians
Justice & Nevada: Steve Randall
Enadia Way & Hamlin; Stephen & Sandi Bell
Haynes & Capistrano: Ed & Jacquie Young

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Discussion on inviting Principals and public officials at next meeting: The date of the September Committee meeting is Sept. 28 at Pomelo. The Principals and LAUSD Board Member Scott S..... and both CD 3 and CD 12 Council members should be invited. Last year's meeting was very informative and worked well in the Pomelo Library.

Highlander school demolition report: Work will begin on the demolition of Highlander Road school in two weeks. And will last until Sept. 30. A recent community meeting delineated the process and the demolition of Oso St. School was handled very well, so no problems at Highlander are anticipated.

Discussion on how to organize an October Fest food drive (October 29th) for the Homeless Committee of the WHNC, involving the West Hills schools: Simone Best, Co-Chair of the NC's Homeless sub-committee contacted Ed young to see if a food drive could work in conjunction with Fall Fest. Ed proposed including the 8 LAUSD elementary schools in collecting food and clothing for the Valley Food Pantry, Stephen Bell commented that CSUN has just recognized that approximately 20% of its students are classified as homeless. Simone was contacted by phone and agreed to develop a flier that can go to the schools on a food drive for the last week in October. CSUN homeless students will be added to the distribution

Public Comment: None

Public Health issues: Sandi Bell indicated that currently there are no Zika virus cases in LA County, and that LA County can furnish health alerts and handouts at NC Board meetings

Next meeting date and adjournment: Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 3PM, @ Pomelo Community Charter School.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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