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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND YOUTH & EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 @ 3:30 P.M.
Pomelo Community Charter School
7633 March Avenue, West Hills, CA 91304**

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting may be asked to complete a Speaker Card. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

Youth and Education

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| 1. | Call to Order and Introduction | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aida Abkarians, Co-Chair • Joan Trent, Co-Chair • Sandi Bell, Stephen Bell, Kim Koerber, JanMacQuoid, Saif Mogri, Alejandro Phillips, Steve Randall and Henlie Sakamoto, Members | |
| 2. | Establish a quorum | 1 Minutes |
| 3. | Review and approval of May 24, 2023 Minutes | 10 Minutes |
| 4. | Comments from the Co-Chair(s) | 5 Minutes |
| 5. | Public Comment | 10 Minutes |
| 6. | Discussion and possible action on coming up with a date for the Educator Awards Ceremony | 10 Minutes |
| 7. | Discussion and possible action on approving \$500.00 Neighborhood Purpose Grant for all our schools | 10 Minutes |
| 8. | Discussion to collect the project completion forms for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (“NPG) from our schools to present to the Budget Committee | 10 Minutes |
| 9. | Adjournment – Next Meeting TBD | |

Public Health

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| 10. | Call to Order and Introduction | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandi Bell, Chair • Stephen Bell, Secretary • Aida Abbkarians, Kim Koerber, Steve Randal Henlie Sakamoto and Joan Trent, Members | |

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| 11. | Public Comment | 5 Minutes |
| 12. | Review and approval of May 24, 2023 Minutes | 5 Minutes |
| 13. | Public Comment | 10 Minutes |
| 14. | Discussion on current health issues and Covid 19 report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify our webpage to show the most recent Covid information | |
| 15. | Discussion and possible action on a great program called “We Live” first student lead suicide prevention program. Please see attached information. | 10 Minutes |
| 16. | Discussion and possible action on organizing a Town Hall with The West Hills Hospital Board regarding different issues and complaints the public has had for the care they received. | 5 Minutes |
| 17. | Adjournment – Next Meeting TBD | |

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**WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Youth and Education Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**Present: Aida Abkarians, Joan Trent, Co-Chairs, Steve Randall, Zoom Specialist
Sandi Bell, Stephen Bell, Kim Koerber, Jan MacQuoid, Rosi Mariconda, Members
Brad Vanderhoof Board Member**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 3:35pm**
- 2. A Quorum was established.**
- 3. November meeting Minutes were approved**
- 4. No Comments from the Co-Chairs.**
- 5. There was no Public Comment.**
- 6. Neighborhood Purpose Grants applications are in all the schools. since all the schools did not participate we will divide the grant money allocated to those schools equally to the participating schools.**
- 7. Committee approved NPG for Pomelo Community Charter in the amount of \$500.00 for the replacement and updating of worn out and old playground equipment with new and updated equipments to encourage the students to play and exercise outdoor and establish positive social skills. Pomelo will get an additional grant money once we know how many do not participate.**
- 8. NPG for Welby Way Elementary was approved by the committee for the amount of \$500.00, for a multiple series speaker performance and topics such as, Kindness and anti bullying campaigns, etc., to put the kids in a more successful and positive mindset. Welby Way will also get additional grant money.**
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. Next meeting Date September 20, 2023.**



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Public Health Committee Minutes

May 24, 2023

Present: Sandi Bell, Chair, Stephen Bell, Aida Abkarians, Joan Trent, Steve Randall, Zoom Specialist, Kim Koerber, Jan MacQuoid, Rosi Mariconda, Members, Brad Vanderhoof, Board Member

- 1. Meeting started at 4:20pm**
- 2. A Quorum was established.**
- 3. Comments from the Chair, the Chair Sandi Bell, informed the committee about some complains about West Hills Hospital. Sandi suggested that next meeting we should discuss on having a TownHall with the hospital Board and our constituents.**
- 4. Public Comment, none.**
- 5. Current Health Issues, the Chair Sandi Bell, informed the committee that there are different flues going around and some are respiratory.**
- 6. Sandi suggested that everyone should check with their doctor and get flu vaccination.**
- 7. Covid-19 vaccinations are still on and Sandi suggested for everyone to be vaccinated.**
- 8. Sandi mentioned that there are private ambulance services that you can call and pay to take you to the hospital of your choice.**
- 9. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05.**
- 10. Next Public Health Committee meeting is September 20, 2023.**

“We Live” is the first student-led suicide prevention campaign that uses digital interventions and peer support to disrupt suicidal ideation.

- As mental health problems continue to rise among teens, acting to prevent suicide grows more important (Harvard Health).
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for college students with 1,100 suicides on college campuses each year (University of Michigan).
- Everyone can help prevent suicide by learning the warning signs, promoting prevention, and committing to social change.

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Teachers/Educator Award Program

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Praise and recognition are two important components in giving awards to teachers. These awards are the most important way of recognizing the value of a great educator or a multi talented, innovative staff members who are instrumental in educating our children.

It is important to recognize educators who go above and beyond the call of duty to inspire their students to great heights and help them become exceptional citizens.

The criteria for the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Educator awards is as follows:

- 1. We will have a total of 4 awards. The awards will be given by the Education Committee of the Neighborhood Council. The educators will be recognized by their colleagues.**
- 2. A questioner will be provided and presented to the whole staff. The staff will need to complete the questioner and present it to the Neighborhood Council by the due date indicated on the form.**
- 3. Every month one staff member and one teacher will be awarded at the WHNC.**
- 4. Participating Schools could name their awards after retired, respected educators. The WHNC Education Committee can come up with different recommendations for the titles.**

List of Public Schools in West Hills

Justice Street Academy Charter

Education Committee Rep: Steve Randall

Principal: Cynthis Hernandez Morrison

818 346-4388, clh2104@lausd.net

23350 Justice St., West Hills, Ca. 91304

Hamlin Charter for Enriched Studies

Education Committee Rep:

Principal: Laura Singer

Sandi and Stephen Bell

laurasinger@lausd.net, 818 348-4741

22627 Hamlin St., West Hills, Ca. 91407

Enadia Technology Enrichment School

Education Committee Rep:

Principal: Heather Jeanne

Sandi and Stephen Bell

818 595-3900, haj7773@lausd.net

22944 Enadia Way, West Hills, Ca. 91307

Capistrano Ave. Elementary School

Eduaction Committee Rep:

Principal: Sonja Cao Garcia

Joan Trent

Garcia@lausd.net, 818 883-8981

8118 Capistrano Ave. West Hills, Ca. 91304

Nevada Ave. Elementary School

Education Committee Rep: Steve Randall

Principal: Tanya Knott

ttn8206@lausd.net, 818 348-2742

22120 Chase Street, Canoga Park, Ca. 91304

Welby Way Elementary School Education Committee Rep: Aida Abkarians

Welby Way Charter Elementary School and gifted high ability magnet

Principal: Susie Darcorsi

818 447-8128, helen.h.kim@lausd.net

23456 Welby Way, West Hills, Ca. 91307

Pomelo Community Charter Education Committee Rep: Aida Abkarians

Principal: Janice E. Greenberg

818 887-9700, andrea.ferber@lausd.net

7633 March Ave. West Hills, Ca. 91304

Haynes Charter for Enriched Studies Education Committee Rep:

Principal: Barbara Meade

818716-7310, bmeade@lausd.net

6624 Lockhurst Dr., West Hills, Ca. 91307

El Camino Real Charter High School Education Committee Rep: Aida Abkarians

West Hills Chapter

Principal Mr. David Hussey

818 595-7500, d.hussey@ecrhs.net

**Attached please find the forms for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant.
if you would like to participate please feel in the following documents
accordingly.**

**the Neighborhood Council has assigned one member to each school who
Would be responsible to collect the documents.**

Grant amount: \$500.00

Completion Date:

**The Grant should serve all the student for programs such as Garden Program,
Computers or devices for Student improvement, Books, Murals or anything
that can help enhance education and cannot be used to pay a salary.**

**Thank you very much for your hard work and devotion in helping our students
with their education.**

Have a wonderful Day,

Aida Abkarians

Joan Trent

Youth and Education Co-Chairs

West Hills Neighborhood Council