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Education Committee Approved Minutes Monday, July 18, 2011.

I. Call to Order by Jean Strauber at 6:07 Attendance: Jean Strauber, Shelley Rivlin. Karen Henderson, Sharon Brewer, Diane Moss. Ruth Hoish, Natalie Mesinger; Marla Mondheim. & Lisa Gaboudian (Local District One Directors), Jennifer Brogin, (T. Galatzan), Cheri Ogle (J. Brownley), Lauren Rosenblum (EncinoPatch), Steve Zimmer with Sharon Delugach (Chief of Staff) & Michelle Garcia (West Valley organizer).

Moment of Silence in memory of committee member Frances Zamir

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting – April and June approved

IV. Old Business:

- A. Status Report on School Improvement Awards 2011 – For the benefit of the guests, Shelley and Karen described the 2011 award winners and their school improvement projects. All projects funded.
- B. District No. 1 Parent Advisory Community Council – Jennifer Brogin: Meeting dates to be determined and open to community. Focus on areas for improvement includes graduation rates, proficiency levels reclass rate, parent/comm. involvement to increase % of parent attendance at conferences and surveys, school safety – decrease violent suspension rates. Do NCs want a special mtg? – open to suggestions. Karen, Los Robles Council PTA president has not been informed of the council.

II. Self Introductions -

V. New Business

- A. Guest Speaker Steve Zimmer, LAUSD Board Member
Mr. Zimmer spoke of opportunity –growing areas of the District with a commitment to public education. Promote idea of choice, not charters, but viable choices within the District and through Instructional cabinet work, dominant narrative and create high expectations. He does not accept concept of declining enrollment. Regarding the debate of teacher evaluations, we need to change the vocabulary to teacher training, support, and eval. Must not be punitive.

He has concern about use of data. Data is important but over reliance on test based data is very dangerous. API indicate some things about cohesion of school and leadership & some things about proficiency in students' areas for improvement. Placement of blame on teachers and union puts children in harms' way. We are 48h in the nation under-funding our schools.

ENC should continue to give support to neighborhood schools. Bring people together with difficult conversation about public schools. Provide competing narrative. Domestic spending is "our Kids. Have courageous conversation.

Re: Homework policy – Decision should be made at school base level. K – 12 community. Teacher's discretion. Have we asked too much of our teachers with all the standards and pacing plan reality? What is the role of real learning? We are asking teachers to be accountable to standardized tests, instruction driven by tests rather than trusting our experts to work with families to determine absolute skills. Mr. Zimmer wants students to be able to think, care, and make complicated decisions based on info and skills learned. Performance metrics send wrong message.

Priority placement – if we don't place displaced teachers they will be gone. There is no training support so we don't know the quality of the teachers. Reconstituted/restructured school doesn't have to be somebody's fault. It is a solemn and regretful last result.

VI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

VII. Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items

VIII. August Meeting Date TBD

IX. Adjournment at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Rivlin

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials' and the Community on issues or concerns that are affecting OUR community of ENCINO.

The ENC is made up of VOLUNTEERS who are elected by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO.

The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by the general board.

The ENC meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the:
Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd starting at 7:00pm.

For further information – Please go to: www.encinocouncil.org or www.encinonc.com

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The Council will also provide an opportunity for the public to speak on any **[Non-Agenda Items*]** during **“Public Comment”**. **The Council may not take any action or discuss matters addressed in “Public Comments”**. However, the Council President may refer such matters to the appropriate Council Committees for further consideration.

*** Public comments are limited to TWO (2) minutes per speaker.**

*** ENC COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** – ENC Councilmember’s requesting to speak will be recognized by the President in the order requested. **For any item, the Chairperson of the Committee, or the maker of the original motion shall have up to THREE (3) minutes to discuss the item. Councilmember’s may speak up to TWO (2) minutes each on the matter unless extended by the President or Council.** After all members desiring to speak on a question have had an opportunity to be heard once, **the time for each Member desiring to speak again shall be limited to a maximum of ONE (1) minute unless extended by the President or Council.** A motion calling the **“Previous Question”** may be introduced by any member during a Council debate.

If adopted, this motion will terminate debate on a matter and the matter will then be submitted for a vote.

VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS - Most motions require a majority vote of the Councilmember’s present and voting will be by hand vote unless otherwise decided by the Council.

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