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## ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2023 Proposed Minutes

Chair Goldstein called to order at 4:01 pm. Recording began.

Roll call:

Jennifer Goldstein, Committee Chair

Jim Esterle, Committee

Shelley Rivlin. Committee

Alex Garay, ENC Board President

Determination of quorum and selection of the 3 voting Education Committee Members. Jennifer Goldstein was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

This meeting has two new business items.

1. Checking in on Committee members' communication with schools about neighborhood purpose grants (NPGs).

Jim:

Birmingham- left message with COO, no response

Hesby Oaks- no response

Academy of Enriched Sciences- interested in (1) choir risers for the auditorium so parents can see during performances, and (2) an organic garden project

Jennifer:

Encino Charter- gave info to office manager who said she would pass to the principal

Lanai- office manager set up a phone meeting with Amanda from the parent association, but Amanda did not call at the appointed time. At this time we do not have info regarding use of last year's awarded NPG.

Portola MS- met with Ms. Weber of the mock trial NPG awarded last year (for fall class 2022). The course ran with 29 students, and the team made it through two rounds of competition before being eliminated in the third round. They visited a local courtroom. All in all the budget was followed as specified (planning time for Ms. Weber to create the class, a bus to the courthouse, lunches, and materials including an annual membership to the Constitutional Rights Foundation which provides curricular materials). She would like to apply again, to just pay for the annual CRF membership and the field trip. She was also encouraged to apply to the Tarzana NC.

Mulholland MS- Jennifer, along with Pat Bates, visited Kyle MacDonald's SPED classroom and garden, which was truly remarkable. He is mentored by Steve List who has provided a lot of materials. Mr. MacDonald expressed a willingness to put any amount of funds to use towards growing the garden and expanding who has access to it. Towards that end, Jennifer and Pat met with the principal and AP to discuss the possibility of Encino elementary schools conducting field trips to Mulholland's garden. Everyone agreed this would be a win/win. They were also encouraged to apply to the Lake Balboa NC.

Shelley:

Nestle- office manager took application

Emelita- office manager took application

Reseda- college counselor took application

The committee discussed the possibility of connecting AES and Mulholland, given AES' desire to build a community garden.

2. Jennifer shared with the committee that she is not running for re-election to the ENC due to a lack of ability to commit to in-person meetings with three school-age children. She hopes to run again in 2 or 4 years.

The next Ed Committee meeting, to review NPG applications, was scheduled for May 15th—together with members of the Finance Committee. Both Shelley and Jennifer will be out of town on that date. With the change back to meeting in person, we determined that (1) Alex will seek an exception, or (2) we will reschedule for another day and time when Jim and Jennifer are available (Shelley

is away all month). In order to have a quorum, we agreed that we would seek to remove non-attending members (2) from the committee. Our backup meeting day/time is March 9, 11am-12pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.