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Encino Neighborhood Council Education Committee
APPROVED MINUTES: Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Our Lady of Grace School

I. Welcome, Introductions, Determination of Quorum:

Shelley Rivlin, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Present: Kathy Kantner, Jean Strauber, Cecily Lerner, and Ankur Pater, Suzanne Blake, Marcia Koff, Joyce Alexson, Erik Chavez. Quorum was established. Participants introduced themselves. The principal of Our Lady of Grace School discussed the foundational principles of the school and led the participants on a tour of the campus.

II. Approval of minutes from November 3, 2015

Kathy Kantner made a motion to approve the Minutes. Jean Strauber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- Update on DONE grants:

Shelley Rivlin and Jean Strauber, Co-Chairs, met with Paul Koretz's aide and the financial director of the City Council. They brought documentation. Mr. Koretz agrees to go to the City Council to request full funding of the grants approved for funding last year by the ENC, with the funding to come from the City Council's budget carryover from last year. An update is expected tonight at the ENC meeting.

- Review of strengths, resources, challenges and roadblocks for arts education in the schools:

- Plans for the 3 goals:

1. List of resources available to share. It was suggested that categories be determined, such as: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Dance, Theater, Instrumental, Vocal and then resources could be listed under each. It would be helpful for the committee to create a template for each school to complete and that a point person at each school should be listed.

2. Web-based communication, Shutterfly or FB: After discussion, it was agreed that one Google website for the ENC Ed committee should be established. Peter, Director of Marketing at Carmel Crespi HS, volunteered to help work on this and serve as site administrator. Cecily Lerner volunteered to assist. Jean Strauber made a motion to use a Google site. Kathy Kantner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The vote was called and approved by all four members. The motion carried.

3. Neighborhood arts event - NW District, AHA festival, Taste of Encino:

Suzanne Blake, K-12 Arts Integration Coordinator, LAUSD's Local District NW distributed Save the Date fliers for the upcoming Northwest Fest, Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will showcase student work from all NW schools. Performance, Visual Arts, health and wellness. Schools can use the event as a fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to run the stages. Beyond the Bell will provide food. Food Trucks will also be there. Shelley Rivlin noted that students may perform at the Taste of Encino event in October 2016.

Board Member updates:

Ruby Chavez, Chief of Staff for Board Member Monica Ratliff, introduced herself. She announced that after a review of applicants, Shelley Rivlin has been selected to serve as their Human Relations Commissioner. Board Member Ratliff will attend the Pacoima Winter Parade on 12/12. Also, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses will be presenting banners on 12/22 at Dodger stadium; LAUSD schools are invited. Board Member Ratliff's Charter Transparency Resolution will be postponed to January, as the December meeting agenda is so full. Also up for discussion at the Board Meeting on 12/8 will be the fate of the Highlander site: Granada Hills is requesting the site, but now LAUSD has a plan for how to use it. As for the proposed changes to the School Calendar: petitions are circulating against the long winter break. They are hoping to keep the ES and HS schedules together.

Ankur Patel, Field Representative for Board Member Scott Schmerelson, distributed fliers inviting participants to attend their holiday party on Thursday, December 10 from 3-6 p.m. He also pulled a list of available arts grants for schools from the LA Fund for Public Education's website and provided this to Shelley Rivlin and Jean Strauber to disseminate to members via email.

Jeannie Kamm, Field Representative for Board President Steve Zimmer had been present for most of the meeting but left before providing an update.

School updates:

All the schools are preparing for Winter performances.

- Marcia Koff invites everyone on Friday December 4 from 3-6 p.m. to Encino Charter: 26 children's authors will be doing readings, autographing their books, etc.
- The Crespi campus will soon announce exciting proposed changes to their facility. A Taiko performance will be held on Saturday, Dec 12; fliers were distributed.
- Suzanne Blake distributed a flier to a premiere film screening. The film is Warning: Take Only as Directed; it is appropriate for older ES, MS, and HS students.
- Emelita's winter performance will be held on their yard. Parents are making costumes.
- Portola MS: will hold winter concerts, drama performances and an enrichment event, Brainstorm, which is a fundraiser.
- Reseda HS hosted a performance of "12 Angry Americans" before Thanksgiving. Dr. Penrod's class visited Pepperdine University this afternoon and had lunch with the producer of "Rio 2" a new Disney picture. They plan a second field trip there in the spring. Dr. Penrod met with Cal Lutheran to partner in film, communication, production. Performance: "Twas the Night Before Finals" will be held on 12/12.

- Lanai is hosting a book fair this week, and winter vocal performances, a theater group performance, and an orchestra performance are all scheduled before the break.

IV. New Business

- Restorative Justice - there was a brief discussion of this topic, however participants feel that it is not especially relevant to our Encino schools, which are mostly ES.
- Superintendent selection process, ongoing.
- 2015/16 /School calendars: participants were encouraged to complete the survey, which is online.

Announcements:

There will be an event on Sunday, 12/27, to promote safe streets. It will be a walkathon, marathon, skateboard event held at Woodley park.

The next meeting is tba.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Rivlin based on notes from Kathy Kantner