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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 @
3:00 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 are asked to fill out 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.

Call to Order : The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM by the Chair, Aida Abkarians.

In attendance: Aida Abkarians (Education Chair), Ed Young (Acting Secretary), Sandi Bell (Public Health Chair), Stephen Bell, Steve Randall and Joan Trent

Absent: Jacquie Young, Henlie Sakamoto.

Guest: Elizabeth Baxter.

Review and approval of minutes for November 28, 2018: The minutes were approved with minor grammatical corrections. There was discussion as to whether Bonnie Klea was a member of the Education Committee. Since she had exceeded the number of absences, she was deleted as a member. It was reported that Bonnie wanted to be involved with the Anti-Bullying Forum.

Public Comment: Elizabeth Baxter related that Pomelo plans to apply for an Arts and Science Magnet, which will have a curriculum dedicated to the Performing Arts and Sciences, but will allow all Pomelo students access to the Music, and Performance classes. A discussion followed and it was determined that the WHNC Board should submit a support letter. Steve Randall to present to the Board at next Board Meeting, as Aida must recuse herself.

Discussion regarding possible LAUSD Child Care Services for meetings:

A neighboring NC has requested that Child care services be provided at local NC Board/Committee meetings in order to increase public participation. After some discussion, the Education Committee did not support the idea, feeling that it is not necessary, or would be utilized.

Report regarding NPGS:

All NPGs were forwarded to DONE. Now, we just need to wait for fund distribution.

Discussion regarding Teacher Award Program:

Aida reported that the Awards applications were delayed due to the strike and now should be at the schools via school mail. Committee members need to follow up after next Wednesday to get completed forms.

Discussion regarding the Anti-Bullying Program Forum:

The suggested date for the WHNC Anti-Bullying Forum is October 23, 2019. That date is timely to the West Hills Elementary School students and parents since it is toward the beginning of the school year.

Discussion regarding Hygiene bags:

There is a 2nd Grade teacher Judy Tabachnick at Pomelo that collects personal hygiene items to give to the homeless.

Discussion on the Pediatric/Adult Urgent Care proposal:

The Urgent Care facility located in West Hills Fallbrook Mall wants to offer rebates to local West Hills LAUSD Schools. The Committee supports this initiative.

Current Health Issues, Mrs. Sandi Bell, Public Health Chair

Sandi reminded us that this is flu season and everyone should get their flu shots. Also, the Public Health Committee is collaborating with the Homeless Committee for the upcoming Forum on Homelessness.

Next meeting date February 27, 2019, at 3:00 pm at Pomelo Charter School