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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND YOUTH & EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, March 22, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Education and Public Health Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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| 1. | Call to order and Introduction: | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aida Abkarians and Joan Trent, Education Co-Chairs • Steve Randall, Member /Zoom Host • Myrl Schreiber, Henlie Sakamoto, Kim Koerber, Rosi Mariconda, • Sandi Bell, Stephen Bell, Alejandro Phillips and Saif Mogri Members | |
| 2. | Establish a quorum | 1 Minutes |
| 3. | Review and approval of February 22, 2023 Minutes | 5 Minutes |
| 4. | Comments from Chair(s) | 5 Minutes |
| 5. | Public Comment | 10 Minutes |
| 6. | Discussion and possible action on establishing dates for distributing the Educator Awards Ceremony | 10 Minutes |

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| 7. | Discussion and possible action on approving the increase of \$500.00 Neighborhood Purpose Grant (“NPG”) to \$750.00 for the two following schools that have already completed their grant applications. | 10 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welby Way Elementary School • Pomelo Community Charter School | |

*Enadia Way Elementary School could not participate this year in the grant process. We could divide their \$500.00 portion of the grant to the two schools mentioned above.

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| 8. | Discussion and possible action on where we stand on the Neighborhood Purpose Grants (“NPG”) for the rest of the schools that are not interested. Division of the rest of the money could go to the other schools. | 10 Minutes |
| 9. | Discussion regarding the collection of the Project Completion Forms for the Neighborhood Purpose Grants (“NPG”) from our schools to present to the Budget Committee. | 10 Minutes |
| 10. | Adjournment – Next meeting is on April 26, 2023 | 1 Minutes |
| 11. | Call to order and Introduction: | 5 Minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandi Bell, Chair • Stephen Bell, Secretary • Steve Randall, Member /Zoom Host • Joan Trent, Aida Abkarians, Henlie Sakamoto, Kim Koerber, Rosi Mariconda Members | |
| 12. | Public Health Comments from the Chair | |
| 13. | Review and approval of Minutes of February 22, 2023 | 5 Minutes |
| 14. | Public Comments | 10 Minutes |
| 15. | Current Health Issues and Covid 19 report | 10 Minutes |
| 16. | Discussion and possible action on organizing a Town Hall with the West Hills Hospital Board regarding different issues and complaints that the public has had for the care they received. | 5 Minutes |
| 17. | Adjournment – Next Public Health Committee Meeting – April 26, 2023 | 1 Minutes |

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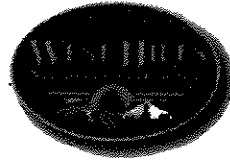
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Wednesday, February 22, 2023

**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 should be at all the schools by next month's meeting. Aida will also send the forms vis LAUSD Interoffice Mail to the schools. The committee members will go to their assigned schools to see if they want to participate in the NPG distributions. If the schools don't participate then the funds will be distributed into the other schools along with the forms for Educators Award.
Committee decided on March 17 to be the completion date of all documents.**
- 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.**

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.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Next meeting Date March 22, 2023.



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Joint Board and Public Health Committee/Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 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 to see how we can bring public trust back and help the hospital and our community.**
- 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 going on and Sandi suggested for everyone to again check with their doctors and get the Covid-19 Vaccinations completed.**
- 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 March 22, 2023.**

Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant:

Welby Way Elementary School and POWW are applying for a multiple series speaker performance on topics such as; Kindness, Character development, growth mindset, anti-bullying campaigns, critical thinking development and tools for success and positive mindset. These presentations utilize game, songs and live role play examples with the students. This format will help to integrate the topics deeper into the child's brain and impact behaviors on students, in families when brought home for discussion and interactions with the direct community members in which they are in contact with. Due to the large population of students, these performances would need to be conducted 3 times within each day in order to accommodate everyone. By combining several academic disciplines in this approach, we hope to find a more effective solution to the current problems faced in the aftermath of our social climate.

How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public-at-large.

Welby Way Elementary School has a charter and Magnet program. Our school consists of almost 800 students who come from both the local West Hills community but also have the pleasure of enriching members of other parts of the valley. During the Covid lockdowns, our students were deprived of some of the fundamental core years of developing, practicing and reinforcing some key social and emotional skills. Many of these students were left to navigate zoom learning on their own while their parents worked, were socially isolated from peers, had experienced new added stressors and/or grief in their home. The impact of this is now being seen in a regression of behaviors at home, school and in the community at large. As a school we are committed to re-plant those seeds firmly and nurture them to develop stronger roots, in the present but as they also transition into middle school and high school years. The investment of time, energy and money in this area is priceless and will ripple beyond just our Elementary school but to the community and beyond.



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Dear West Hills Neighborhood Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

Our playgrounds are in need of equipment for our almost 600 students in TK -5th. Balls are frequently getting lost often ending up on the other side of the fence. Our kinder yard is significantly lacking in equipment to engage the students in appropriate play. It would be wonderful to have tricycles and balance bikes with helmets.

On the main yard, it would be wonderful to be able to replace some the old and warn equipment as well as updating some of the board games and building sets that are available for students when they are looking for a quieter activity.

Our students need to be sound in body, mind and social skills to become productive members of our community. We want to encourage our students to be active outdoors. Providing new and updated equipment will go a long way to encourage outdoor play, exercise and positive social skills.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,


Janice E. Greenberg, Principal
Pomelo Community Charter & Arts/Science Magnet

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