

Education Committee

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Regular Education Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022 SONC Education Committee Meeting Minutes

6:31pm meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Joe Cappelletti.

Roll Call - Present: Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Chris Wiggins and Caden Kang - Student Representative.

Absent: Fran Kerzner.

Minutes from April 18, 2022 meeting approved.

Public official. Ryan Ahari, CD4 Field Representative for Nithya Raman was present and spoke of upcoming Composting Event at Westfield Farmers' Market on May 24th. He shared that composting will become mandatory by next year. Joe inquired about financial resources available through Ryan's office that could be accessed to augment our SONC funding for program implementation and development. Funding options were considered. We agreed on the importance of our strong lines of communication to building a better working alliance and collaborating to make more lasting inroads in our community. We discussed how to partner on the Back-Pack Give Away event. Ryan can be contacted by email at Ryan.ahari@lacity.org.

Chair Report: Joe Cappelletti reported that the mindfulness program at Kester Elementary was voted by SONC Board and unanimously approved. Awesome job to all involved!!

Joe presented idea to organize informal open house where schools could introduce themselves and meet one another. In this way, connections between and among Sherman Oaks schools could be established and reinforced so they could be resources to one another. We're thrilled to be building strong connections with Kester, Chandler and Louis Armstrong MS and want to expand outreach to our additional local schools. We hope this open house could be a way to increase both exposure and awareness of our capacity to be a community resource.

Lindsey Imber, our new SONC Board President, was in attendance. Lindsey is happy to be available to discuss motions by our committee and programming ideas. Our fiscal year ends 6/30/22. All budget requests must be submitted by 5/31/22.

Chris Wiggins is collaborating with Principal Felicia Drew at Louis Armstrong MS on implementing mentorship program to be launched in the fall.

Kester Elementary School PTA President, Tara Kroeger, was in attendance. She expressed enthusiasm about ways to collaborate with our committee on additional school programming.

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Caden Kang spoke of work with SONC outreach committee. Joe suggested having a bulletin board as way to report SONC happenings. This would be in line with the way in which teens consume information - in short fast clips. Chris suggested a Twitter page as another way to communicate SONC information.

Joe and Lisa Cappelletti spoke of forum for parents that could be another way to be resource to families in the community. Tara supported this idea, believing it would add value to the school community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Excellent work Education Committee and to all involved in working hard to help us to be a meaningful resource to our community!!

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