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## **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Education Committee**

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## **MINUTES**

### **SONC Education Committee Virtual Meeting**

August 13th, 2020 @ 7pm

1. Joe Cappelletti, Chair, opened meeting reiterating Brown Act guidelines and their application to our virtual meet.
2. Roll call: All committee members present.
3. July 2020 minutes approved.
4. Comments by public official.
  - A. Tammy Ramirez, Community Affairs and Policy Deputy at LAUSD, presented program opportunities for HS students including:

(1.) HS Student to Teach Music Instruction. For further information contact Cynthia Ronquillo, Board Member Schmerelson's Administrative Assistant, at (213) 241-8333.

(2.) Student Advisory Council. Application due 9/1 for this position in which HS student would be invited to share student perspective with board of education.

(3.) HS Student Board of Education Member. Application due 8/21 for this position in which HS student would serve on board offering student point of view to the Board. For more information contact Dr. Lorena Franco at [afranco@lausd.net](mailto:afranco@lausd.net).

5. Joe Cappelletti, committee chair, welcomed Chris Wiggins, our newest member to join the SONC Education Committee.

6. Chris Wiggins presented progress made on tutoring program. Chris is working in collaboration with Fran Kerzner and student SONC Board Member, Marcus Zimmerman to establish tutoring program partnering HS students with low income students.

Reese Abbene, Assistant Principal at HighTech LA MS (6th, 7th & 8th grades with total of 217 students), helping to establish pilot program at HighTech. She spoke of MS students needing real connection which will be important component to tutoring. Her school is building in time into their schedule for tutoring: Fridays will be set aside for tutoring, plus school day will end at 1:15pm with virtual rooms available after that for tutoring.

Help needed to seek connections with HS administrators in effort to find HS tutor volunteers. Potential resources: Tammy Ramirez could be useful resource; Marcus will follow up with principal at Grant HS, Alexandria Naseef will look into Valley College tutoring connections.

7. Lisa Cappelletti presented update on Meet Your Neighbor Speaker Series which was approved by SONC on Monday, 8/10. Dr. George Lipsitz, UCSB professor will be first speaker and will discuss historic and current housing patterns of LA, exploring impact of laws and the consequent diminished quality of living standard for Black citizens as reflected in housing inequity, segregation and instability. Originally scheduled for 8/29, this event has been postponed until September to provide additional time to promote and make this more widely accessible.

8. Sarah Mirman presented update on Race In America Book Series. Media list created providing resources in an effort to stimulate discussion, inspire curiosity and foster a greater depth of unity and understanding. Our book series includes subjects of difference, disparity and the history of race relations in America. Feedback from Jeffrey to categorize materials into subsets so organized and digestible.

9. Alexandria Naseef gave update on the Food Grant Program. She shared Memorandum of Understanding in support of the program. Intention is for PTA's at local schools to distribute funds to families in need. Further discussed additional funding sources for partnership.

10. Meeting open to public comment. Broader inclusion for book and speaker series requested.