



MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee

Chairs: Kate Anderson and Babak Nahid

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WHEN: Sunday, September 5, 2010, 10:30 AM-12 PM

WHERE: Mar Vista Farmers Market, Grand View at Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90066 ([Map](#))

Draft Minutes

Present: Babak Nahid, Kate Anderson, Elsa Mendoza, Grant Francis, Rick Selan

1. Kate Anderson called meeting to order at 10:50 AM.
2. Elsa Mendoza, new Principal of Venice High School, introduced herself and spoke about plans for small learning communities to help improve student performance. She announced her plan to work with the committee and the council to better communicate HS strengths and to resolve community concerns. Kate Anderson expressed her support for the need too better communicate school successes in an environment in which mostly school problems seem to dominate community perception. Rick Selan expressed support for the changes at VHS and other schools and the importance of working with NCs and others to maintain progress and accountability for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.
3. Fall Festival and Outreach to Mar Vista schools: Babak Nahid reported that several schools had been contact via letter, emails and phone calls. The festival will feature performances and other forms of participation from about a half-dozen schools. Elsa Mendoza suggested she will also work to see how VHS may participate, potentially having VHS School Band or another aspect represented.
4. Discussion of greater collaboration with Venice Community Council Education Committee and other appropriate neighboring NC committees was tabled until the committee has an opportunity to meet with the chairs of the NC education committee chairs and others involved.
5. Grant Francis reported plans for next year's VHS centennial celebrations featuring skateboarding competition and others events. Nahid and Anderson promised to help promote the event to the community.
6. Report of findings re: solar power funding for local schools. According to Frank Padilla, Bond Oversight Committee member, Webster MS, Venice HS, Richland Ave. ES and Palms MS will be among 90 schools in Los Angeles to receive photovoltaic systems.
7. Adjourn at 12 PM.