

MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee

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Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 7:00 PM

Location: Mar Vista Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room

Agenda & Minutes

1. Introductions and Public Comment

Present at 7pm: Sara Roos, co-chair; Kelley Lortie, Grand View rep; Amy Lawrence, outgoing co-chair; Albert Olson, outgoing co-chair; Dwain Wilson, exec. dir of Wildwood Foundation, Full Circle; Craig Jaffe, Mar Vista ES rep; Rick Selan, T1 advocate. Absent: Brad Wilhite, co-chair; Amy Chen, Clover rep; Amy Sobajian, Linda P-Salib, VHS reps.

Albert Olson: Mar Vista Community Fall Festival and Silent Auction is October 18 at the Mar Vista Park. A general call is out and help is requested in recruiting children's groups and performers for the main stage. Schools and parent groups are invited to host booths.

RS will exchange contact info with AO for Ron Thiel, Mark Twain bell ringer conductor.

CJ's business will sponsor

2. Approval of minutes (posted at marvista.org)

Tabled pending posting delay.

3. Discussion of future meeting times and places.

Park location may not be a certainty.

MV library is possible but start time must be 6:30; difficult for Amy.

St. Andrews (small rental fee for which MVCC does maintain a budget) is possible; as is St Bede's.

SR will investigate, earlier start time and small rental are OK'd.

4. Update on efforts to locate school representatives.

13 MVCC schools: Z1: Palms MS, Charnock Rd ES, Clover Ave ES; Z2: Richland Ave ES, Richland Ave PreS, Daniel Webster MS; Z3: Mar Vista ES; Z4: Z5: Grand View ES, McBride Sped; Z6: Walgrove Ave ES, Beethoven Ave ES, Venice HS, Phoenix HS

McBride is mostly but not entirely integrated with Grand View; KL will invite McBride principal to suggest a school rep if warranted.

Brad Wilhite may approach Richland; Tami is former go-to parent.

DW will facilitate contact with Walgrove parent group.

AO is in contact with Webster via Fall Festival duties; will inquire for contact.

CJ will encourage a Palms rep

Amy Chen will be Clover rep; detained from meeting tonight but not in future.

Charnock Rd has no approach yet – CJ?

Beethoven received letter only, no response – SR followup.

Venice HS will in future be represented by Amy Sobajian, Linda Salib.

Multiple reps are fine.

RS will ask Lydia Poncé to represent Phoenix HS (she has received emailed request already).

Sarah Auerswald rep for Marina Del Rey MS (school of "shared interest")

Additional contacts: Letter should go to (i) principals (chapter chairs?) [not discussed]. Initiative should be shared with (ii) LAUSD4 and LAUSD1. Letter should go to (iii) booster and PTSA groups (already has to many; missing is Walgrove, Phoenix, McBride, Charnock, Webster). (iv) Sarah (Deborah??) Lashever, Community/parent rep, ESCW

5. Discussion of efforts to bring recognition to student achievement.

Shy of full-blown newsletter, monthly approval of forwarding recognition to full MVCC. Presented monthly to full meeting; invite kids to be present for recognition. Certificate? Link a page of recognition to MVCC EACC site and/or MVCC full site? Facebook page ("MV schools")? As administrators school reps will collect and enter

kids' accolades on-going. For images permission is required before posting. Brad W nominated *in absentio* to manage social media.

6. Discussion of possible planning of school fair event.

In 2011 MVCC EACC ran a highly successful (200 attendees) schools fair, Q/A panel. DW: Silverlake holds "principals' forum".

All local schools administer their own schools fairs; drain on hosts and attendees – centralizing a single meeting could bring some community efficiency for all.

To synergize with VNC Edu efforts, alternating a central forum might be route to collaboration without friction. MVCC EACC could promote the fair this year, host it next. SR: Send letter re "cross-promotion" to Bud Jacobs, VNC Edu chair.

7. Title One (T1) School Governance in Mar Vista.

Following the demise of Compensatory Education Advisory Councils (CEAC) for T1 families, LAUSD4 boardmember Zimmer proposes reconstitution of analogous area-level body for addressing T1 issues. Some "Venice Family Of Schools" include some LAUSD1 schools, so its boardmember McKenna should be apprised as well.

MVCC EACC (SR) will draft letter in support of CEAC-like body to LAUSD4 and LAUSD1 as well. [since "Venice Family Of Schools" should include feeder schools to VHS].

8. Discussion about process for solicitation and reviewing NPG applications.

DW: Calendaring a little different for NFP from schools. NFPs organized earlier, constrained by end-of-year more. Need earlier rather than later fnds disbursal, granting process. Flexibility needed in timeline to accommodate different entity structures.

Dual deadlines, fall and spring, might accommodate need for fair funding distribution balanced with entities' needs. Sept and Feb proposed.

Flexibility must be retained, still, to enable funding when needed, ensure fairness. School rep initiative with its potential to raise consciousness at the school site as to NPG grant availability may obviate need for rigid deadlines.

DONE is more rigid regarding reimbursement and completion of projects prior to FY end in May/June.

Process is inherently lengthy including moving committee recommendations in front of full MCCC, submitting and receiving returned paperwork through DONE which can be 6 weeks.

RS: formerly MVCC EACC followed a strict decision process: who can remember what that was??

Subcommittee consist of AL, SR, CJ for reviewing and drafting protocol for funding. DW will forward protocols of eastside NCs; NPG judging criteria matters.

Available NPG funds must be ascertained from Bill K.

Former NPGs available on website (or soon will be).

9. Public Comment

DW should have been agendized but discussion of his group flowed well from item #8. Full Circle is an initiative to be implemented at Walgrove this fall among all 5th grade classes, full day outdoors each classroom (incl teacher) for 8 weeks. To address RS concern re instructional time lost from CCSS prep, DW will forward white paper: "Ecoliteracy and CCSS". Dramatic science proficiency seen following this program (17% -> 72% proficiency).

RS: outcomes measures of interest; DW wondering how to address MVCC EACC concerns.

Second program is "Oakgrove", at VHS for 42 years (!). Initiated as exploration of race issues. Evolved to group "retreat therapy"; very popular among certain cultures and classes (ironically). Scholarship assistance needed. Group planned and executed by 10-15 returning HS upperclassmen and alumni; 80-100 attendees 2x per year. Program expanded to include Contreras and Marshall HSs. Further expansion includes tutoring among local ES.

CJ: Concern that funding private foundation with public NPG monies will deprive more "grassroots" initiatives. Underscores importance of funding criteria and school outreach efforts.

10. Future Agenda Items.

Please contact chair

11. Adjourn

meeting closed at 8:38