

MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee (EACC)

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Tuesday, September 30, 2014, 6:30pm

Location: Mar Vista Library, Community Room

Agenda and Minutes

1. Introductions - WELCOME!

Present at 6:38 (start): Sara Roos, co-chair, VHS rep; Albert Olson, past co-chair; Craig Jaffe, MV rep, NPG guidelines subcom't; Rick Selan, T1 advocate; Veronica Jackson, Webster rep

Present by 7pm: Brad Wilhite, co-chair, Richland rep; Amy Lawrence, past co-chair, NPG guidelines subcom't; Kelly Lortie, GV rep; Sarah Reimers, Walgrove rep

Absent: Adrienne Mack, PalmsMS rep; Lydia Poncé, Phoenix rep; Amy Chen, Clover rep; Amy Sobajian, Linda P-Salib, VHS reps; Nadia Yoshioka, Twain rep; Sarah Auerswald, MDR rep; Charnock, Beethoven reps - unfilled

2. Approval of 8/26/14 minutes (posted at marvista.org)

Moved by Albert, seconded by Rick. Passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Rick advocates collaborating with VNC on community schools open house in future years. Initiative will relieve iterative effort among westside schools, share the work among COLA groups. Urges reaching out to VNC. MDRNC and PNC too?

4. School Representatives – Introductions (below), purpose, responsibilities

Two-way communications between school reps and sporadic COLA Education-related announcements approved by consensus.

Establish internal email loop to facilitate school rep communications.

Strategies for collecting meritorious or interesting event information: bimonthly principal and/or department heads meeting, office staff. Optimal methods will vary by school site and type, and personalities all around.

Recognition of achievements monthly in front of full MVCC.

Discussion of potential media routes for announcing school's and their kids' achievements: Argonaut, Parch, SM Mirror, our website.

Revamp EACC website to include sections for each school to articulate their proud elements, including links to parent and administration online sites.

5. Reports from schools (in no significant order)

Webster: *Rep: Veronica Jackson (Webster Community Rep)* Shared school materials. New principal, Peter Benefiel, sped background. Discussion re: Demographics and Culture/Community reputation: 500 students. Important to boost community reputation (*cf* regional MS populations for comparison – PalmsMS, 1500, MTMS, 600). Magnet → 300 kids, 150 from neighborhood, 150 from Shenandoah. Many choices drawing population down. Campus is co-located with Magnolia CS and District offices. Sharing w/ charter is OK, District offices utilize some classrooms. Beautiful auditorium remains intact. Extracurricular resources: UCLA Teamwork, Community In Schools, Extra activities. Challenged by "competition" with Twain, Revere, Palms for students. Commuter students of working parents translates to diminished booster assistance. La Cienega, Crescent Hts are biggest feeder schools. Music program – 2 ensembles in MVCC Fall Festival. Large sped population.

Mar Vista: *Rep: Craig Jaffe* Big Boo, Active parent groups.

Richland (incl PK): *Rep: Brad Wilhite* Halloween event

Walgrove: *Rep: Sarah Reimers* Core Beliefs of school shared – progressive, cohesive, project-based pedagogy. Articulating community purpose provides community lens for making decisions, funding programs, discipline, curricular decisions. Unique and very helpful tool. Active parent group, grant writing, school council. Music center, musical theater.

Mark Twain: *Rep: Nadia Yoshioka (absent per VHS event, Rick Selan substituted)*. Concerns re community reputation, disfavor from neighborhood ES parents. District should help with image and perception; stem flow of neighborhood kids uphill to Revere!

Beethoven: Rep ID'd at meeting by MV rep (thanks Jasmine Jaffe!)

Venice: *Rep: Sara Roos* Two large awards anticipated for announcement at next meeting.

Grandview-McBride: *Rep: Kelly Lortie* Fully funded teaching garden started as a grant; evolving to separate funding. Once weekly classes alternate with cooking, enabled through McBride integration. Dual language immersion.

Palms, Clover: Rep detained or absent *Rep (respectively): Adrienne Mack, Amy Chen*

Charnock: No Rep ID'd: *Must Find!!*

6. NPG's - Protocol and reaching out to schools (Craig, Amy)

In deference to constraints on volunteer parents, single application deadline suggested. Second round will be entertained if additional funds materialize (rare).

December 8, 2014 will be this year's submission deadline

December 15, 2014 will be this year's presentation meeting (presentations accepted earlier as submitted).

Committee will apportion funds during January meeting for presentation to MVCC second week in February.

Amy-Craig-Sara to construct solicitation letter, how to be successful at NPG (must include MVCC EACC intro section).

7. Letter to LAUSD1 & LAUSD4 in support of re-establishing Title 1 School Governance in Venice-Mar Vista Complex

Induced by zeroing of CEAC (Compensatory Education Advisory Committee) budget. Goal is to support board member's efforts to re-establish forum for expression of T1 issues. Also to include cultural neighbors (MV, MDR, Palms) in Venice Family Of Schools. 3 Meetings convened by LAUSD1 board member at VHS. VNC declined discussion.

8. CORE Curriculum Discussion regarding MVCC Ed. pros and cons. (Rick)

Tabled

9. Public Comment

10. Future Agenda items

→ Suggested focus for next months' reports: Booster Group Activities.

11. Adjourn - 8:47pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 25, 2014; 6:30pm Mar Vista library.