



Mar Vista Community Council



AGENDA

Education, Arts & Culture Committee

<http://marvista.org/committees/edcultarts>

Thursday, March. 26th 2015, 6:30pm

Mar Vista Library (SW corner of Venice/Inglewood Blvd. intersection)
Community Room

1. Introductions - WELCOME!
2. Approval of 2/23/15 minutes (attached, and at <http://marvista.org/committees/edcultarts>)
3. Public Comment
4. Past business updates (Sara):
 - MVCC letter supporting Richland Ave French Immersion. (Sara)
 - MVCC funding of NPGs. (Sara)
5. Meeting change: May meeting room conflict, *from* Mon, April 25 -> Mon 5/18/25
6. Reports from School Representative Reports – **kid recognitions, highlights**
 - Start now identifying reps, appointing successor; especially Charnock, Clover for next year?
 - Recognition ceremony for Middle and High Schoolers; certificate designs. May 12, 2015 is MVCC BoD meeting. Volunteers?
 - Planning of ceremony for Elementary Schoolers (MV Festival)
7. New Business; Funding requests (NPG addenda)
 - Grand View ~ Kelly
 - Venice High School ~ Amy
8. School Community news/happenings
 - Venice HS media attention; _SPIRIT_ campaign (Sara)
 - Mandarin Immersion; community meetings, DEIR, time table (Rick)
9. Public Comment
10. Future Agenda items
11. Adjourn (*by 7:55pm!*)

EACC AGENDA & MINUTES

<http://marvista.org/committees/edcultarts>

Monday, Feb. 23rd 2015, 6:30pm

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1. Introductions - WELCOME!

Present at 6:33 start: Amy S (VHS); Veronica M (Webster); Kelly L (GV); Rick S (Twain)

2. Approval of 01/28/15 minutes (posted)

Moved: Rick; 2nd: Kelly – unanimously approved

3. Public Comment

CIS – Communities In School – big, national organization present in schools, 5-6 yrs at VHS, funded in LA by Creative Artists. Formerly free, asking school communities where present to participate with T1 money at \$20K level, "earnest money" – very difficult ask for very poor district schools; this NFP is well-funded privately, so concern expressed that the difficulty of such a request is not comprehended. Currently present at VHS, Hami, MT, Webster and more, the ask is seemingly happening in a coordinated, concerted effort at all schools simultaneously. Organization is concerned w/"kids struggling the most". They provide 3 staff on campus, usually, for counseling and tutoring. for +/- 350 kids. Concern re young, inexperienced, non-credentialed staff. Discussion about their presenting at EACC; Rick will pursue.

4. Update: MVCC funding of NPGs. (Sara) Updated forms needed!

Grants in process of being submitted and accepted by DONE

Update: MVCC letter in support of Richland Ave French Language Immersion. (Sara).

Approved by MVCC, in process for writing. Will be submitted when appears in BOE agenda.

5. Reports from School Representatives – kid recognitions

GV: Girl Scout cookie sales to purchase vacuums for schoolrooms, camping trip. Garden program at MVFM selling seedlings, arts/crafts via MVCC booth (thanks!). Sweetheart dance at MTMS – great decorations!; create and extend local neighborhood relationships; seed exchange, dual language, academic/social continuum. Strategies for high PTSA numbers – student awards, food at meetings, childcare.

Webster: Honor roll attendance, 30 families invited w/ parent-reception. 10 kids running marathon next month; long-term school-related tradition; marathoners at VHS (retrieve photos for newsletter!).

VHS: Marathon group. Boys basketball in ¼-finals. 2 kids to leadership at Boys/Girls club (?)

MVES: High PTSA membership too. Teachers on safari in Kenya, Tanzania! ES visit in Karou, delivered school supplies from donations, private and via school. "Joy jars" to hospitalized kids, home-bound w/chronic illness.

Certificates for kid recognitions. Invitation to attend MVCC, Ceremony? meeting 3/10/15 (Sara)

Get names onto website. Recognition should be Very Public: MV Fall Festival? Invite to MVCC not so good for little kids. Fall Festival has good "advertising" element, fun. Farmer's Market might be good venue. FM in May/June, Fall Festival in fall?

6. Update: Community meetings

Middle School Night (passed on 2/12/15; reprise)

Our school reps worked the phones hard to no avail: poor attendance. Just not relevant topic for this time of year. Timing is critical. HS venue intimidating to ES families? No says Kelly: full presence/representation of schools impt. Discussion of political underpinnings; Rick wants MVCC not VNC. Libraries and librarians might be good political middle ground – MV/Cheviot Hills library v. successful. Early venue most important determinant for successful MS night. Must be organized before school closes?! Combining MS & HS too complicated, convoluted (Craig). More discussion of this requested at next meeting. Cost:benefit for parent critical, must be worth parent's time.

MI presentations 2/26/15, 3/6/15

VHS 2/25/15 (Sara).

School representative search ~ Charnock??

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Achieved @ 7:54!