

Education Committee Agenda

Venice Skills Center
611 Fifth Ave., Venice, CA 90291
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00 PM)

Present: Cindy Chambers, Robert Yorgason and Karen Wolfe

2. Approval of the Agenda

Education Committee Action Taken: Agenda Approved

3. Public Comment

Public Announcements & Comments on items not on the Agenda

Please Note: 15 minutes, no more than 2 minutes per person.

4. Committee Composition

- A. Public Comment
- B. Introductions

Education Committee Action Taken: Introduced Education Committee Chair, Cindy Chambers and Vice Chairs, Karen Wolfe and Robert Yorgason.

- C. Vacancies

Education Committee Action Taken: Announced four (4) open seats filled by election at an upcoming Education Committee meeting. Application materials may be downloaded at the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Education Committee website page. Questions may be sent to Cindy Chambers at cindy.chambers@venicenc.org.

5. Committee Purpose

- A. Public Comment
- B. VNC Bylaws/Standing Rules state:
Education Committee has the general responsibility for addressing the issues, concerns, programs and services related to the education of children, youth and adults and developing specific strategies and policies for influencing and achieving constructive outcomes within the schools, classrooms and other education/learning centers that serve the Venice Community.

Education Committee Action Taken: Committee members discussed and reiterated the purpose of the Education Committee as stated in the VNC Bylaws and Standing Rules.

6. Committee Outreach

- A. Public Comment
- B. Committee discussion
 - i. Schools

- i. **Education Committee Action Taken:** Committee and community discussion and suggestions included the following:



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1. Hit all schools and PTAs
 2. Contact School Site Councils (SSCs) --- Hal can gather this information.
 3. Contact UTLA Chapter Chair
 4. Email Principals
 5. Goal: Increase parent and community involvement.
- ii. Community email list
- i. **Education Committee Action Taken:** Committee and community discussion and suggestions included the following:
 1. Brenda Manuel – Who has her contact information?
 2. Alejandro Navarro, Chair – Who has his information?
 3. Lydia Poncé, Parent Rep for Venice High School suggested that we create a matrix of all schools; post meetings; and, conduct outreach to Boosters and others groups. Our meetings and information could be posted in bulletins that children take home.
 4. Distribute bite-size chunks of information and ask parents if they're interested in the topics and getting involved.
 5. Outreach to new and experienced parents
 6. Represent minority education and conduct bi-lingual outreach
 7. Identify need for translation
 8. Organize an online “chat group” to post meetings and functions
- iii. Education officials
- i. **Education Committee Action Taken:** Committee and community discussion and suggestions included the following:
 1. Utilize District 3 Superintendent’s office
 - 2.
7. Public Library Middle School Forum
- A. Public Comment
 - B. Committee discussion
 - i. **Education Committee Action Taken:** Committee and community discussion. Karen Wolfe and Cindy Chambers shared the information gathered from contacting the Venice Public Library about this event.
8. Walgrove RFP
- A. Public Comment
 - B. Update and committee discussion
 - i. **Education Committee Action Taken:** No action taken. Karen Wolfe gave an update on the Walgrove RFP.
9. Announce Next Meeting Time, Date & Location
- Next meeting time, date and location to be determined.
10. Adjourn (approximately 8:15 PM)