



Youth and Community Outreach Committee Report

Meeting at Municipal Building, 638 S. Beacon Street, Room 452, San Pedro
Monday, November 5, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Committee Member Attendees: Laurie Jacobs, Matthew DiMeglio, Chris Valle, John Barbera
Non Committee Members: Pete Garbowski

Agenda Item: Add new Board Members to Y&O Committee: **Ben Osterman, Pete Garbowski**

Agenda Item: Pathways to Employment for 2019

Continued meetings with the Boys and Girls Club of the Harbor Area (BGCHA).

Agenda Item: Movie in the Park

We will hand out our NC canvas bags and our new brochures.

We will collect warm coats & socks to give to Harbor Interfaith for our neighbors without shelter.

Banner will be displayed at 9th & Western. We are all putting up banners around town.

We are promoting heavily on social media. Chris will check on posting on Instagram.

Central and Coastal may host a table at our event and are helping to promote.

Agenda Item: MOTION: Laurie made a motion to approve a letter of support to Reclaim Our Schools LA – Give Kids a Chance. Seconded by John Barbera. Approved by Laurie, Matthew, Chris & John. Draft letter follows this page.

Agenda Item: Reviewed handout brochure on our Neighborhood Council

The Committee approved the handout brochure which will be handed out to the Board for final approval.

The Homelessness Committee mission statement will be added once approved.

Agenda Item: Candy Cane Lane on Friday, December 7th

BUDGET APPROVAL – Melanie is processing the sponsorship documents in amount of \$1,000.

Our Board already has \$200 allocated for crafts and candy for this event. Melanie will include this item with budget and finance for final Board Approval.

BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT.

Items to be included at this event:

- Story board highlighting our Board's accomplishments
- Input board requesting suggestions from our stakeholders – Need bright post its
- Face painting (Gwen) and craft table (John B) for the kids

Agenda Item: San Pedro Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 2nd

Melanie is processing the sponsorship paperwork for this already approved event in the amount of \$500.. Laurie is working on getting convertibles for us to ride in. We will carry our new banner.

HOW MANY BOARD MEMBERS PLAN TO ATTEND?

Agenda Item: Board Member headshots for website

We plan to take headshot photos at the December Board meeting at Peck Park. Chris Valley will bring his camera.

NEXT YOUTH AND OUTREACH MEETING: December 4, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at same location.

Ray Regalado, President
Laurie Jacobs, Vice President
Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer
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To: Reclaim Our Schools LA – Give Kids A Chance

CC: Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), and City of Los Angeles

On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NC), we stand in support of Reclaim Our Schools LA's Give Kids A Chance education platform that promotes the need for investing in teachers, community schools, parents, and most importantly our students within LAUSD. Reclaim Our Schools LA is a coalition of parents, educators, students, and community members working to improve access and advance opportunities in public education for all students, so they thrive in the classroom, in their communities, and beyond.

San Pedro is located in Los Angeles. As a neighborhood council we see an unprecedented wave of teacher activism that is sweeping the nation. Parents, teachers, students and the community are fighting for a better future for our students.

We stand with our teachers' union, UTLA, in calling for a real investment in our neighborhood public schools, so that all students have an equal opportunity. Furthermore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council support educators raising their voices and people of good conscience forming alliances to make real changes for our public schools.

Below are key community demands that parents, teachers, and public education stakeholders are supporting as part of Reclaim Our Schools LA – Give Kids A Chance platform:

- **Fund Our Schools:** California is the richest state in the nation yet ranks 43 out of 50 among the states in per-pupil funding. LAUSD must fight at the local, state, and national level to increase funding to \$20,000 per student by the year 2020.
- **Reduce Class Size:** Students have a better chance to succeed with smaller classes. LAUSD must stop ignoring the rules that protect students from huge classes sizes.
- **Invest in Community Schools:** LAUSD must invest in the Community Schools model, with increased parent engagement, broadened curriculum, and wrap-around services.
- **Fair Wages Now:** LAUSD must offer teachers a fair wage increase. LA's high cost of living is causing a teacher shortage that hurts students and teachers.
- **Charter School Oversight** LAUSD must regulate charter school growth and charter school co-locations on neighborhood school campuses. An unchecked expansion of charter schools drains millions away from our neighborhood schools.
- **Support Students and Families** Supporting immigrant rights, ending racial profiling in searches, and increasing green space can create a better learning environment for all students.
- **Improve School Safety** LAUSD should fund staffing and school safety plans so that our students have real access to counselors, school psychologists, and nurses.
- **Less Testing and More Teaching** LAUSD must increase educator discretion in testing. Let's limit unnecessary standardized testing that reduces critical instructional time.

As the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, we look forward to seeing positive outcomes with the bargaining process as well as the above mentioned implemented in the coming years so that our students succeed, teachers have resources, and parents have the schools LA students deserve.

Thank you.

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**