

Proposal for Quarterly WNNC Special School Meetings

The schools are one of our largest gathering of stakeholders in the neighborhood. We also have a great deal of schools within the Westlake North NC boundaries. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the NC to our stakeholders but be able to educate the students about Civic Engagement, get them involved early and improve our community outreach. This can help us as an NC to hear from more stakeholders as the students can act as representatives for their families. They would be able to bring their family's concerns to the NC. They are in a unique position to represent our other stakeholders especially if the members of the family would not usually attend a Regular Meeting because of the time, lack of awareness of the existence of WNNC or even afraid to come to a meeting because of their immigration status.

The proposed plan would have the NC rotate between four (4) Schools ideally (3) High Schools and (1) Middle School once a school quarter. The Special School Meeting is to be held to the same standards of a Regular NC Meeting. The difference would be it would be in the fashion of a school assembly, and truncated to allow it to fit into the school day with classes.

As per usual Regular NC Meetings these meeting would consist of :

1. Community/Government Reports & Announcements:
 1. LA City Council District Representative
 2. LAPD Senior Leads
 3. Government Departments/Agencies, including Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 4. Community Organizations

2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes.

Any agenzed items will have a specific focus on youth programs, concerns brought ahead of time from the classes added to the agenda and items that directly affect the students.

In preparation for the Quarterly Special School Meeting the recommendation for the school would be to have a project in a class where they learn about Neighborhood Council, discuss what they would like to bring up to NC and then create Speaker Cards in preparation for NC Special School Meeting. This could be tailored for different age levels and be a project in any class that the teacher is willing to add this to their curriculum for the year. Tentatively titled the "Civics In Action Program".

This would have WNNC and LAUSD working hand in hand. Proposal would be making the Special School Meeting a pilot program in Westlake North NC in order to see how it works, if it improves community outreach, and has a positive educational impact for our students and stakeholders.

The ultimate goal of this program is to make this a regular event. This would allow students and stakeholders to know when these Special School Meetings will take place, that this is a positive memorable event and build excitement looking forward towards the next meeting and when they'll be old enough to have the meetings come to their school. We could also work to gain a Youth Stakeholder and Committee that becomes a part of the regular WNNC Board.