memorandum

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to: Board of Directors

from: Sandi Del Sole

subject: Staff Liaison Report

We have had a busy beginning to our school year so far as both staff and students are settling into the daily routine of a new school year. With several academic teaching positions vacant at this time, we have several hard-working staff members who are stepping up to help those classes with curriculum and grading. We are lucky to have a team of teachers who are always willing to step in and help when needed to keep our Encore ship sailing.

In August we had our back-to-school night with all of the staff joining together to share our program with our families. It was a wonderful success with a great turn out. Under the direction of Dr. Adriaan, we implemented a new structure for our back-to-school night combining 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 together in a room with the teachers sharing a PowerPoint presentation introducing our teachers and class structures.

We have started preparing for our upcoming productions with our auditions and rehearsals already going on for our drama show, Clue: On Stage. We have begun to reach out to elementary schools in our area to invite them to attend our guest school showings with their 6th grade classes in order to promote arts within the High Desert community as well as to share what Encore has to offer and potentially increase future enrollment from these schools. We received positive responses on this program last year and had those schools excited to book a show with us again this year.

The arts staff is busy planning for the months to come as we prepare for shows, Carnival, local off campus performances, and we are hoping to bring back the very successful Encore Kids Camp program that we launched last year.

All in all, we have had some struggles getting this school year going, but our wonderful staff has been working together to offer our students the best experience we can. I am proud to be a part of this amazing team that gives there all to help Encore be successful.