

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

October 23, 2015

The mission of the YPI Charter Schools (YPICS) is to prepare students for academic success in high school, as well as post--secondary education; prepare students to be responsible and active participants in their community; and enable students to become life-long learners. Students at YPI Charter Schools will become active citizens who characterize the ideals of a diverse and democratic society. Students will provide service to their community, take responsibility for their own learning, and develop the habits of mind and body that will empower them to be successful in high school and beyond.

Common Core Townhall Meeting

We had an amazing townhall meeting earlier this month on October 6th. Thank you to our panelists, staff, parents and community members for attending our Common Core Townhall meeting. We had over 90 parents and members of the community in attendance ask our expert panelists questions about Common Core. A special shout out goes to our organizers Mr. Myers, Ms. Jimenez (parent coordinator) and NCLR for putting the event together. Mr. Myers did an excellent job arranging for our panelists to attend. Our panelist included **Yvette King-Berg**, Executive Director of YPI Charter Schools, **Ed Honowitz**, Education Policy Advisor for Senator Liu, **Freddy Zepeda**, Teacher at Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School, **Ernesto Colin**, Professor of Education at Loyola Marymount University, **Ana Gomez**, Field Deputy for Councilman Cedillo and **Edgar Campos**, Chief Strategy Officer for LAUSD Board Member Monica Garcia. Ms. Jimenez did an exceptional job in mobilizing our Common Core Parent Advisory committee and helping our parents prepare thought provoking questions for our panelists. And of course, our office staff team was outstanding job with our outreach.

HS Choice Event

This month we also hosted our Fall High School Choice event. We had over 40 eight grade parents in attendance to hear presentations from six local schools: Alliance College Ready #16 and Tenenbaum, University Prep, USC Hybrid, City High School and Larchmont Charter. Ms. Jimenez did a fantastic job in coordinating this event with our office staff. MORCS will host another event for parents in February.

MORCS Enrollment Update

We currently have steady enrollment with **338** students currently enrolled with us. Not much has changed since our September report. In the 6th grade, we have **121** students who have joined the Puma family followed by **105** students in the 7th Grade (13 new, 92 returning). In the 8th grade, we have **112** students (6 new, 106 returning) with a current classroom size as follows:

- 6th – 30 (4 classrooms)
- 7th – 26 (4 classrooms)
- 8th – 28 (4 classrooms)

Gearing up for Fall Parent Conferences

FALL PARENT CONFERENCES are this month. Over three consecutive days in October parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and administration to discuss how student learning is progressing in the classroom. We start parent conferences on Thursday October 22nd (1/2 day), Friday 23rd (All day) and Monday Oct 26th (1/2 day). Last year we had 96 percent parent attendance in the Fall and Spring in 2014-15 and are excited about this year's conferences.

School Climate and Culture

It has been a quite busy October with many student events happening on campus. This month's scholar dollar theme was being "responsible." Throughout this month students were awarded scholar dollars for exhibiting acts of responsibility. In October we will also have had several field trips for students. On Saturday, October 3rd 93 students and staff attended the **UCLA vs. Arizona State** football game. The kids had a blast as they were cheering on the home team in a game thriller. On Sunday, October 11th, several Student Leadership students participated in the **AIDS Walk LA** event in West Hollywood. It was a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to social awareness events in the community. We also participated in the **CA Shake Drill** with Berendo Middle School on Friday, October 16th.

This month we also hosted an **Anti-bullying week** where students participated in PE presentations on the effects of Cyberbullying and other lunchtime activities. Here is a movie clip of some student awareness presentations: [Anti-Bullying Skit Movie](#). Student Leadership is also gearing up for their first **Fall Dance** on Thursday, October 29th and **Spirit Assembly** on October 30th. Here is a movie trailer promoting our Spooky Maze and Dance: [Spooky Maze Video](#).

In the month of September we had four students who received in-school suspension for a total of 6 days. The offences included physical contact and sexual harassment.