



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Director/Principal Report Board of Trustees Meeting April 20, 2021

Our mission: PCHS will empower our diverse student population to make positive contributions to the global community by dedicating our resources to ensure educational excellence, civic responsibility, and personal growth.

PCHS Schoolwide Goals:

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will improve consistency in instructional curriculum, policies, and practices to increase student-centered learning.

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will commit to equitable policies and practices to ensure PCHS's diverse student population has access to academic opportunities.

Schoolwide Goal: PCHS will utilize communication systems currently in place to convey PCHS's strengths, needs, data, and opportunities for participation so that all stakeholders are well-informed and understood.

COVID-19 Safety and School Reopening Task Force

- The purpose of the COVID-19 Safety and School Reopening Task Force is to monitor safety mandates, campus safety protocols/procedures and identify/address potential critical needs to ensure a full school reopening for Fall 2021.
- The Task Force meets weekly.
- Task Force Members:

Mary Bush – Director of Student Support Services

Stephanie Boyd – School Nurse

Steven Cuenco – PESPU Representative

Jewlz Fahn – Board of Trustees/Parent

Kale Futterman – Covid-19 Coordinator

Steve Klima – UTLA/Faculty

Kevin Lorick – PESPU/Classified

Pam Magee – Executive Director/Principal

Sara Margiotta – Board of Trustees/Parent

Don Parcell – Director of Operation

Antoinette Stewart – Communications Coordinator

Dave Suarez – UTLA/Faculty

Dawn Umemoto - Parent

James Wells – Board of Trustees/Parent



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Back to Campus (B2C) Program

- The B2C afternoon program launched Monday, April 12 with 257 9th and 10th graders participating in Monday/Wednesday classes and 239 11th and 12th graders in Tuesday/Thursday classes.
- Courses are available for all PCHS students in grades 9-12.
- Programming is designed to provide academic support and enrichment, as well as in-person on-campus activities with a socio-emotional and mental health/wellness focus.
- Participating teachers received training on safety protocols prior to returning to classrooms.

Saturday School

- The current Saturday School program is designed for students who are in danger of not passing 9th and 12th grade English, 9th grade math, as well as Government and Economics, courses required for graduation.
- The program began April 17th and continues for 7 Saturdays.
- Parents of students identified as needing intervention support received an e-mail with links to classes.

On Campus Virtual Classes

- Program begins Monday, May 3.
- Students will continue following current distance learning schedules from classrooms with a PCHS teacher or certificated staff rather than learning from home.
- Participants will attend classes on Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday.

Graduation and Events for the Class of 2021

- May 14 - Senior Picnic @ PCHS
- June 4 - Semi-Formal Prom: Pali Style @ PCHS
- June 9 - Sunset Yearbook Signing @PCHS
- June 10 - Senior Graduation Ceremony

PCHS is planning an in-person commencement ceremony adhering to health and safety protocols. The event will also be live-streamed. PCHS is closely monitoring social-distancing requirements to determine the most appropriate format for PCHS. Special thanks to John Rauschuber – Senior Class Advisor, Chris Lee – Senior Class Administrator, Michael Brandt IV – Senior Class President, and the Senior Class Caucus for planning and coordinating events for the Class of 2021.



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Grading for Equity

The PCHS *Grading for Equity* Book Study Group recently met with author, researcher, and educator Joe Feldman to discuss grading practices and concepts in his book. The *Grading for Equity* Study Group will host the next Professional Development opportunity later this month, which will focus on individual teacher practices and ideas identified as being the most pertinent for PCHS. This dialogue will begin the planning steps for the coming school year. All faculty will have the opportunity to learn more about *Grading for Equity* concepts and participate in 2021-22 planning and program pilots.

Communications Focus

PCHS is working closely with parent representatives to learn more about what information is valued and needed, as well as how stakeholders want to receive information. PCHS is focused on providing timely, meaningful communication, especially during these challenging times.

Steps taken to improve and increase communication include:

1. Meetings with parent representatives to learn more about concerns and needs
2. School Reopening Informational Meeting/Town Hall – 4.7.21 Recording posted [HERE](#)
3. School Reopening FAQ section on the PCHS website developed from questions submitted by stakeholders
4. COVID-19 Safety and School Reopening Task Force formed and meeting weekly
5. [PCHS COVID-19 Case Rates Dashboard](#) and other COVID-19 updates prominently featured on the PCHS website
6. Going forward, PCHS is working to provide recorded reopening updates with the weekly newsletter.