



PALISADES

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Director/Principal Report Board of Trustees Meeting September 19, 2023

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.

2023-2024 Schoolwide Goals

The PCHS Board of Trustees, administrators, and student representatives from Pali Ambassadors, ASB Leadership, and Justice League met on Saturday, September 9 to review and provide feedback on the schoolwide goals for the coming year. This annual exercise included a summary of the guiding plans that are currently in place including the Local Control and Accountability Plan/Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (2021-2024), Western Association of Schools and Colleges Action Plan (2017-2023), LAUSD Charter Authorization (2020-2026), and Annual LAUSD Charter School Division Compliance Review. Each of these plans requires feedback from and vetting with educational partners (*See attached material*). PCHS has established a clear vision and focus in each of these plans by layering common goals. Each plan reinforces the others by addressing similar areas which include academic achievement, communication, diversity, budget/development, and socioemotional well-being. *Feedback provided on the schoolwide goals is included in the meeting materials.*

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation

WASC coordinator Tyler Farrell, Monica Iannessa, and I met with the team lead of the school review. PCHS is currently gathering evidence and data for the Self-Study Report with on-going writing and editing to be ready to submit in February 2024. Educational partners can be part of this process by attending Long Term Strategic Planning Meetings scheduled the last Wednesday of each month via Zoom at 4pm. The next LTSP meeting is on September 27, 2023. Department Chairs and PLC leaders are providing input through Curriculum Council meetings with Professional Learning Communities and Small Learning Communities providing evidence from their PLC/SLC Notebooks. The WASC Committee visits the Pali High campus from March 18-20, 2024.

Attendance and Admissions Office Updates

PCHS has adjusted **application dates** to better support the admissions and enrollment process.

Important Application Dates:

Monday, October 2, 2023 – Lotterease Applications Open | 8:00am

Monday, December 4, 2023 – Lotterease Applications Close | 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Late Applications Open | 8:00am

Monday, January 8, 2024 – Lottery Runs & Notifications of Acceptance/Waitlist

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – Prospective Parent Night

Monday, January 22, 2024 – Deadline to Accept a Seat | 4:00pm



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Monday, February 5, 2024 – Deadline to Complete Online Registration (OLR)

PCHS Fall Prospective Parent Tour Dates – Register on GoFan site

Monday, October 16, 2023

Friday, October 27, 2023

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Back to School Night 2023

On Thursday, September 14, PCHS hosted Back to School Night. This was an information packed evening starting at 4:30pm when the Tech Genius Bar opened to assist parents with Infinite Campus and ParentSquare systems. Student clubs and parent organizations hosted food and merchandise sales. PTSA generously provided food for all staff members. Attendance Office staff assisted parents with Senior Lunch Pass applications. Parents followed their child's class schedule and heard engaging presentations from teachers. Unfortunately, eleven teachers were unable to attend due to illness or prior conflicts. Those teachers provided contact information and details on how to access information about their classes. Based on the participant count taken during 3rd period of the classroom rotations, approximately 2000 members of the Pali community attended.

National Hispanic American Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15 is **National Hispanic American Heritage Month**. PCHS Fuerza - LSU will join The Library of Congress and The Smithsonian among other nationally recognized public institutions to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. Fuerza-LSU will be celebrating the month with different activities for the next four weeks.

Counseling and Guidance Department

Academic Counselors will be meeting with seniors starting the week of September 18 to review progress for graduation and A-G requirements.

Permanent Schedule Day is September 21.

Progress 1 grades are due September 28.

MOTION PASSED LAUSD Charter School Facility Upgrade Project scheduled for vote Tuesday, August 22, 2023 LAUSD Board of Education meeting

Agenda Item: Palisades Charter High School – Project to Provide Wrought Iron Fencing and Secure Entry System at the Front of the School

Board District 4 – Nick Melvoin

Project Background and Scope – This project is to provide new wrought iron fencing at the front of the school of approximately 600 linear feet long and eight feet high and replace approximately 2,000 linear feet of deteriorated chain-link fencing around the campus perimeter. The scope of work also includes providing a secure entry system at the main entrance on Bowdoin Street and



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an accessible path of travel to the main office.

Project Budget – \$ 1,219,763

Project Schedule – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q1 2025 and conclude in Q3 2025.

School Safety Updates

- Safety Committee has reconvened for monthly meetings.
- Pali Period Lessons focused on safety (tentative schedule)
 - August 30 - Intro to Safety and Anonymous Reporting
 - September 13 - Safety Drill Lockdown Response
 - October 19 - The Great Shakeout Earthquake - Shelter in Place and Evacuation
 - November 15 - Safety Hold
 - December 6 - Social Media
 - January 24 - Earthquake evacuation/Airbourne Exposure
 - February 21 - Active Intruder/Run, Hide, Fight
 - March 20 - Earthquake evacuation/Airbourne Exposure
 - April 24 - Drill
 - May 1 - Mental Health
- Parent brochure created and shared through ParentSquare and at Back to School Night