

# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## Academic Accountability Report Board of Trustees Meeting November 14, 2023

### Committee Membership (Vote)

Chair: Minh Ha Ngo  
Vice-chair: Tyler Farrell  
Secretary: Randy Tenansnow

Faculty	Administration	Student	Parent
Tyler Farrell Michael Friedman Stephen Klima Paul Mittelbach Nicole Newble Minh Ha Ngo Randy Tenansnow	Chris Lee	Taylor Regen Casey Scaduto	Melissa Harris Rebecca Houriani Stewart Wilson-Turner Gazal Yashouafar

### October 26, 2023 Meeting Recap

The committee met on October 26<sup>th</sup> to begin examining the effective uses of Pali Period. The committee formed a task force led by Dr. Lee to examine this topic. The task force is interested in examining existing data from the 22-23 SY and comparing it to new data soon to be collected. The task force plans to utilize surveys as the main source of data collection and plans to present their finding to the Board of Trustees in the spring semester.

### Pali Period Task Force Members:

- Michael Friedman
- Rebecca Houriani
- Chris Lee
- Minh Ha Ngo
- David Pickard
- Taylor Regen

The Academic Accountability Committee recently completed a two-year task of examining and reviewing PCHS academic departments and programs. The committee is requesting a similar task from the Board of Trustees. If tasked, the committee is ready to present a schedule of departments/programs to be examined and updated questions/prompts for the next cycle at the next BoT meeting on December 12 for approval. A copy of the former prompts is included below as well as some suggestions we came up with. Board members should email Dr. Ngo with suggestions for revisions to these prompts before the next AAC meeting (11/30/23).

Out of the discussion around Pali Period, the topic of the bell schedule came up, specifically how a bell schedule could be used to meet intervention and academic goals. A suggestion was made to form an ad hoc committee to examine "intervention and the bell schedule." The AAC is interested to know if this is a task the Board of Trustees would like us to investigate.



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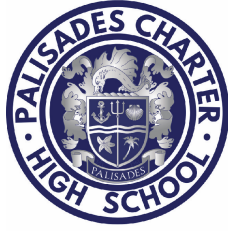
The PCHS Board of Trustees has tasked The Academic Accountability Committee with gathering information and presenting to the Board information about the academic departments and/or programs at Palisades Charter High School. As part of this review, the Committee will examine the following areas outlined in the Board resolution:

- (a) specific steps each course, Professional Learning Community (PLC) or Small Learning Community (SLC) (e.g., AP US History; Algebra I, Spanish II, Honors Chemistry) has taken (or is taking) to align the course to the new Common Core standards and what professional development teachers have received to help prepare students for Common Core;
- (b) beginning in 2016, the areas of strengths and challenges in ELA and Math (using Common Core data or internal data, as appropriate), as well as student pass rates (C or better) for each such class;
- (c) starting in 2016 (or as soon thereafter as Common Core scores or other data are available), a comparison of PCHS's scores with those of PCHS's peers, which shall include (as available), but not necessarily be limited to, LAUSD generally, high performing high schools within LAUSD, Santa Monica High School, Beverly Hills High School, Granada Hills High School, and, to the extent that data is available, showing that comparison over the last 5 years;
- (d) a candid, honest, and detailed discussion of the department's strengths and challenges;
- (e) areas in which the Board of Trustees can aid the department in improving;
- (f) steps that the administration and department are taking to improve areas where the department is challenged and solidify areas of strength; and
- (g) whatever other areas of information the department believes would be helpful to the Academic Accountability Committee and the Board

Please prepare a written report, as well as a 10-15 minutes presentation to the Academic Accountability Committee at our next meeting on **Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_ at 3:00pm** for your department/program. If you need assistance with gathering any of the information/data requested, please consult with your supervising administrator. Please keep in mind, this review is NOT an evaluation of the department/program. The report will be shared with the Board to keep them informed about our academic departments/programs. You are also invited to participate in the presentation to the Board as well.

Thank you for your cooperation and contribution,

Dr. Minh Ha T. Ngo  
Academic Accountability Committee Chairperson



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### **Additional Questions to Consider for Academic Departments & Programs**

- What steps has the department taken to ensure courses/curricula are relevant, rigorous, and include representation from marginalized populations?
- How does your department utilize PLCs and/or SLCs? Provide information on the makeup of each group including how often they meet, and a sampling of what is discussed/reviewed during these meetings.
- What professional developments has your department participated in (or plans to participate in) this school year?
- How has your department's curriculum delivery changed since the implementation of our 1:1 Device Program?
- How has your department utilized the self-selected Pali Period time?
- Elaborate on any new courses your department has added within the past 3 years. Please include the course title, a brief description, and other relevant information (A–G, UC Honors, AP, CTE Pathway, etc.).

Next Meeting: November 30, 2023