



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Board of Trustees Meeting Operations Report March 14, 2017

1. Currently finishing up an RFP for transportation services for PCHS. A version for Board approval should be available for the April meeting.
2. Finalizing scope of work and cost for the stadium renovation project.
3. A burst pipe inside the wall of the girl's visitor restroom in the stadium, has put that building out of commission. LAUSD has initiated a service repair and generated work order number and is expected to repair soon. Normally, this would be a quick repair, but since the wall needs to be broken into, concerns for lead and asbestos release have triggered an inspection from the LAUSD Asbestos Technical Unit.
4. LAFD performed a surprise inspection of the facility on March 3rd, 2017 citing blocked passageways in some areas. A campus wide email was sent out reminding Faculty and Staff that areas need to be in compliance with State and LAUSD requirements. The Operations team is moving to assist those requesting help in following the guidelines.
5. LAUSD has requested a physical inspection/inventory of 368 desk/chair combos delivered last year. Arrangements are being set up to comply.
6. Pricing for new screen and curtains for Mercer Hall has been secured as a result of the findings of an LAUSD inspection in August. The curtains fire rating is outdated, and or, not compliant with current specs. The screen has reached it life cycle's end and also needs replacement.
7. Filming continues at Pali with Modern Family shooting its graduation scene recently, a Parade Magazine shoot, various commercials, pay for basecamp parking etc.
8. Painting and refreshment renovations continuing across various areas within the campus.
9. The Native Garden has been renovated and looks amazing.
10. A modernization study has been conducted at Palisades Charter High School with three potential planning study designs identified. Out of the three conceptual designs delivered, members of the LTSP committees voted nearly unanimously to pick a clear winner in Planning Study #2. This planning study involves building a new VAPA complex and new Science labs and Technology classroom buildings on the horseshoe parking lot with underground garage space for parking. The Mercer Hall Complex would be repurposed for athletics and an incredible amount of new green space for sports added, as well as a new girls softball field, volleyball and basketball courts. The old classroom bungalows and "J" shop buildings would be removed with more than 29 new classrooms built on site. An application is in the works to help secure funding under Prop 51 for Pali's modernization plan.

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11. Phase 3 of the new Garden Gateway has been completely redesigned with student safety and historical preservation in mind. A presentation detailing the new concept was unveiled at a recent Board and LTSP meeting. The new design calls for improved sidewalks, seating for students, a new front entrance, new signage, pathways, and more. A detailed conceptual design will be on our website soon for review. We expect to cleanup that area within the next few weeks. Renderings available and presented by Suisman Architecture.
12. Some of the main campus restrooms are about to go thru renovations over the next few months. An outside company has been commissioned to replace the antiquated stalls beginning with the Girls "C" restroom. Painting, lighting, and mirrors will also be included in the upgrades.
13. Palisades continues to improve security measures campus wide by hiring an additional security guard to patrol and monitor the stadium parking lot in the morning and has increased the number of actual patrolling hours campus wide.
14. Phase 4 and 5 of our Prop 39 energy conservation initiatives is about to get under way with the replacement of most of the old style fluorescent bulbs in our classrooms with ballast free LED's for an energy savings of an expected of 141K kilowatt hours.
15. Blacktop backboards have been targeted for replacement. A sample board has been ordered for installation. If it meets our expectations, we will move to replace the rest of them.
16. Heater has been repaired in J 120 and all delivery system piping has been flushed.
17. Exhaust fan replacement and upgrades were initiated. Final phasing expected this week.
18. A project has started to replace all of the old style metal soap dispensing units in restrooms across campus. A new, anti-foaming soap and dispenser required by LAUSD will be installed in its place.
19. Replacement for any of the broken glass/windows on campus expected within the next two weeks.
20. A detailed list of the incredible amount of daily repairs conducted campus-wide is available upon request.

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