



**PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
JULY 18, 2017**

Summer planning and training for the 2017-18 school year

Adaptive Schools Foundations Training July 10, 11, 17, and 18

PCHS leadership including administrators, coordinators, and academic coaches participated in the Adaptive Schools Foundation training led by John Matich from UCLA's Center X.

"This foundational professional development is specially designed to support site administrators, teachers, district and agency personnel and staff developers who convene and manage work teams, site councils, shared decision making groups and faculty committees.

Participants develop:

- *An increased capacity to initiate, develop and sustain high functioning groups*
- *An expanded repertoire of practical facilitation tools*
- *Skills to move groups beyond consensus to common focus*
- *Ways to value and use dissension, argument and conflict*
- *Strategies for keeping group members on track, on topic, energized and resourceful*

Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the four days."

<https://centerx.gseis.ucla.edu/event/adaptive-schools/>

Museum of Tolerance Professional Development – July 26A group of more than 30 teachers, staff, and administrators will participate in a training at the Museum of Tolerance focused on creating a positive and inclusive school climate. This program will include content on cultural proficiency, addressing equity, bullying prevention, restorative justice, hate and bias, and leadership development.

Voluntary Professional Development Days – August 7 and 8

Personalized PD based on teacher needs and requests.

Mandatory PD Days – August 14 and 15

Topics: Human Relations/Hidden Bias, Safety and WASC

New Teacher Training – Aug 1

Link Crew Training - Aug 3 & 4- 8-1pm

Orientation Week Aug 8-11 (Starting with 12th grade)

9th grade Orientation on Aug. 11th will be from 7:30-1:30. ID pictures will be from 7:30-8:45am. The Orientation will start in the gym at 9am. Students can then take ID pictures, go on a tour, pick up schedules, cafeteria/thumb print, lockers. The Link Crew student leaders will distribute instruction to the participants. Parents who are on campus will meet in Gilbert Hall.

First Day of School – August 16 (all classes meet)



Campus Unification Plan

An ongoing goal for our school is the development and implementation of a cohesive plan to bring all members of the school community together regardless of gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, position, and background. Feedback from multiple groups including the Culture and Climate Committee, end of year all staff meeting, and survey responses have noted the need for a systemic, ongoing plan that embeds community building strategies into the fiber of all elements of PCHS. To ensure that PCHS meets this important objective, we will pilot a position specifically dedicated to formalizing and implementing the community unification plan. SMART goals will be established to measure school progress. A provisional summer position has been established to initiate the preliminary steps of the unification plan. A full-time position will be posted and flown in the coming weeks. A committee interview will be held in early August. We are working to fund the position through fundraising and grants.

Columbia Stakeholder Survey Results – *(Survey attached)* The Columbia Stakeholder Survey results are included in the materials for this meeting. A presentation of the highlights of the report will be provided as part of the August agenda. The results of this survey are an important component of the annual Board of Trustees goal setting process in August.

LAUSD Charter Schools Division Annual Report *(Report included in meeting materials)*

Each year the LAUSD Charter Division conducts an oversight visit. This year the team visited PCHS on May 16 and 19. This report provides guidelines and criteria used by the CSD to observe, record, assess, and reflect with the charter school on school performance as captured during the annual oversight visit process in these four categories: 1) Governance; 2) Student Achievement and Educational Performance; 3) Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations, and 4) Fiscal Operations. The report includes areas of demonstrated strength and/or progress and areas noted for further growth and/or improvement.

Los Angeles Advocacy Committee letter of support *(Letter and agenda included in meeting materials)*

The new LASUD board was sworn in on Thursday, July 6. One of the board's first actions was the adoption of the resolution "Los Angeles Unified Learning, Leading, and Succeeding for Students". The Los Angeles Advocacy Council (LAAC) sent a letter of support commending the initiative the board is taking to put the District on a course that puts students

The Los Angeles Advocacy Council (LAAC) is a member council comprised of 17 charter school leaders representing Los Angeles charter schools. PCHS is one of the founding member schools. The purpose of the group is to advise and guide the scope and goals of the California Charter School Association.

AB 808 update

Senator Ben Allen will postpone the Senate Education Committee's hearing on charter school authorization until the fall and may move the venue from LA to Sacramento. There will no longer be an August 14 hearing in Los Angeles.