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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

Goal 4: PCHS will continue to foster a positive school climate by maintaining a trust among students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and Board members by educating all stakeholders about the needs and concerns of other stakeholder groups, demonstrating respect for all types of diversity, and increasing cohesion, connectedness, and compassion at all levels.

Community Days

PCHS has allocated time every other week for schoolwide activities and lessons designed to create a common language and understanding throughout the campus. The school follows a special bell schedule on these days. Recent events include the following:

- **Unity Assembly** - Campus Unification Director Gio Stewart hosted a school-wide assembly featuring the unveiling of the Staff Pledge for Social Justice and the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Wall.
- **Digital Citizenship Lesson** - Ed Tech Coordinator John Vieira designed an engaging and impactful lesson to raise students' awareness of appropriate use and potential dangers of the misuse of social media. Students learned about digital footprints and how they might impact college admissions or job applications. The lesson was followed by a discussion of the kinds of information they would want included in their digital footprints and strategies for creating a positive online presence.
- **The Great CA Shakeout Earthquake Drill – 10/19 @ 10:19am**
The Great California Shakeout is an annual safety earthquake preparedness drill practiced by all schools across the state of California. Its purpose is to practice and improve emergency and safety procedures in the event of an actual earthquake.

Campus Unification Update

- The **Justice League** is a super leadership organization made up of Pali's most prominent social and cultural groups including the Latino Student Union (LSU), Black Student Union (BSU), Asian Student Union (ASU), Genders Sexualities Alliance (GSA), Human Rights Watch (HRW) and He or She (an intersectional feminism group). This group was coordinated to show our campus and community that we are unified against hate, discrimination and bias. On October 3rd, we introduced the Justice League to our campus, giving the leaders from each club an opportunity to present their organization and their mission. Every month the Justice League will organize activities designed help break down self-segregation on our campus. The first activity is the coordination of Unity Lunches.



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- **Unity Lunches** are hosted by the Campus Unification Director and supported by the ASB Leadership Advisor Rob King. The concept is a scaffolder invitational program designed to break down barriers that discourage students from interacting with students they do not know. An initial group of students are invited for a pizza lunch during which they learn about the outreach concept. These students are then encouraged to invite someone they do not know who is not part of their social circle to attend the follow up lunch the next day. The activity is complete after the second round of students invite a guest to the third luncheon for all of the students included attended the first two lunches. Unity lunches will be hosted on a monthly basis.
- **Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance** - Students who qualified for the Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance received a class summons to receive their certificate and Diddy Riese cookie during nutrition and lunch. Academic Counselors, Dr. Lee, Ms. Iannessa, and Dr. Magee were on hand to congratulate students on their accomplishments.

EDP Professional Development

- CCSA/FCMAT Fraud Oversight Workshop – October 4
This training addressed internal controls and how to institute them; best practices and red flags; how FCMAT conducts reviews and what things are looked for; what a “fraud audit” is, and is not, when called by a County Superintendent, and other related oversight issues.
- LAAC and CCSA/LAUSD Regional Meeting - October 11
- Cyber Crime Prevention Symposium – October 16
Workshops and presentations on the ever-changing world of cyber space, including training tips by representatives from the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office, LAPD, - Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and many more. Pali students Katie Schwartz and Gabriel Dickey were panel presenters at the event.
- CCSA Executive Leadership Summit – October 23 and 24 in San Francisco
- 28th Annual CTE Fall Conference “The Future of Innovation” – November 15-17 in Rancho Mirage

Admin Team Professional Development

The members of the Admin Team are engaged in Myers-Briggs Personality Assessments and Team Analysis designed to provide a common language for considering approaches to communication, conflict, and time management as well as other areas. The team analysis



identifies team strengths, blind spots, problem solving abilities, as well as similarities and differences. The goal of this process is to reflect on current practices and identify ways to build on existing strengths as a school leadership team.