



# PALISADES

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

**PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**PCHS Schoolwide Goal 3: PCHS will increase student success through positive classroom climate and equitable classroom practices.**

TOPIC: HOMEWORK Recent steps toward reaching Goal 3 include gathering information from students about classroom practices that are both effective and concerning to them. Administrators met with ASB Leadership students and will be meeting with other student groups during November to gather information. In addition, administrators were invited to student presentations addressing the topic of how to improve instruction at PCHS. A Student Concerns Committee is being formed that will provide a forum for all students to share ideas or concerns they might have about school climate and classroom practices.

Conversations with and presentations by students specifically addressed concerns regarding the volume of homework. This topic was included in the October Curriculum Council/Department Chair meeting and Faculty meeting. Both groups agreed that additional information is needed. Students and parents will be surveyed in November to gain a broader and deeper understanding of the issues that have been raised. We are also looking closely at the current PCHS homework policy to determine if revisions are needed. We are also researching homework practices to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement.

### **Recruitment and Outreach**

A component of the PCHS mission is maintaining a diverse student population. To ensure parents and students are aware of and familiar with the opportunities provided at PCHS, Dr. Chris Lee, PCHS Director of Attendance and Alternative Programs, has participated in recruitment fairs at the following middle schools during first semester:

- Animo West
- Calvary Christian
- Emerson
- KIPP Schools Consortium
- Palms
- Paul Revere
- St. Matthews

### **EDP workshop/training:**

Annual Career Technical Education Conference November 16-17 in Rancho Mirage  
Theme: "The Future of Innovation"

Breakout sessions include relevant and timely topics such as "Achieving Equity and Access through CTE", "Career Readiness – How to Achieve and Assess", "Using Technology to Create 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curriculum", "CTE and A-G", and "Increasing the Impact of Personalized Learning".