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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

Monthly Annual Schoolwide Goal Update:

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

One of the ways the Administrative Team is addressing this goal is by gathering information from students and parents. AP English students gave presentations to administrators regarding their recommendations for improving instruction at PCHS. The Curriculum Council comprised of Department Chairs and Program Directors is discussing current homework practices and will revisit this topic at the start of the spring semester when compiling results from an upcoming student survey. Homework practices are key components of the school's developing Grade Policy. Parents of current and incoming students have also been in communication with PCHS administrators. Dr. Chris Lee spoke at length with a group of middle school parents at Paul Revere Middle School after a recent recruitment presentation. We are in the process of designing Professional Development for January 2018, which will incorporate the theme of "education for interruption" focusing on educational equity. PCHS is also initiating a School Quality Review to further analyze systems, structures, processes and procedures pertaining to instruction leading to a focused action plan.

LAUSD Conversion Charter High School Collaborative

Leadership from the four LAUSD conversion charter high schools (Birmingham, El Camino Real, Granada Hills, Palisades) met at Birmingham Charter High School this month. This meeting was designed to be an opportunity for similar schools to network and discuss common issues and concerns. Key areas of discussion included facility maintenance, instructional resources, new school assessment measurements, and budgetary challenges. This group will meet quarterly with the next meeting being at PCHS.

Meeting with LAUSD District 4 Board Member Nick Melvoin

The Los Angeles Advocacy Council has coordinated monthly meetings with Nick Melvoin who represents District 4 on the LAUSD School Board. The meetings are a strong step in the direction of transparency and collaboration with LAUSD. Mr. Melvoin is to be commended for his efforts to support all schools under the LAUSD umbrella. PCHS is included in these conversations and has shared information about facilities maintenance issues on behalf of the independent conversion charter high schools located on LAUSD owned property.



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Girls Build LA Leadership Summit

PCHS has been invited to bring a group of 50 young women to participate in this year's Girls Build L.A. Leadership Summit sponsored by the L.A. Promise Fund on December 15 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will speak to 5,000 young women from L.A. County public schools about activism and leadership. The event's themes include technology and social impact with appearances from professionals in the technology and entertainment sectors.