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CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting Operations Report February 27, 2018

Security/Safety:

- PCHS has increased School Day campus security since the Parkland, FL incident, but only on a short-term basis. Additional Guard coverage at PCHS for the entire Spring Semester (and beyond) recommended, but still needs funding.
- Reminder that PCHS just recently executed an Active Shooter Drill on 1/29/2018. Barricade-in-Place Classroom Secure-the-Door Kits were previously installed and Faculty/Staff & Students trained in their use. Rally Point video showed to remind/train people where to evacuate to if evacuation is the safest course of action to be taken.
- Additional safety/security measures being compiled and evaluated by PCHS Administration and Security Team
- 3rd-Party experts from the National Education on Safety & Security Institute at UCLA (NESSI) have been engaged to assist PCHS in the identification, evaluation and prioritization of safety/security measures for PCHS.
- Intrusion Detection System (IDS) proposals received and under evaluation, but project put on-hold while more School Day specific safety measures are being evaluated, but still need funding
- Emergency Supplies for Barricade-in-Place scenarios were re-inventoried/re-stocked as needed
- Emergency Evacuation Push-Bar Gates have been added to two key campus evacuation points. Two additional gates planned for installation over the next month. Funding needed for 2-3 more gates at ~\$6k/gate.
- Security fencing as previously proposed still a strong recommendation, but still needs funding
- Perimeter fencing intrusion (climbing-cutting) solution needed. Proposals being sought - funding needed. Having an extra 1-3 minutes before an Active Intruder gets to the more populated parts of campus can mean a world of difference for lockdown and safety.
- Contracting with a locally patrolling security company such as ACS or Gates for on-call emergency support when needed to receive additional higher trained guards in the event of a true crisis. Besides our one (1) on-site LAUSD-PD Officer, even in a 911 situation, LAUSD-PD and LAPD are likely 30-60minutes away and we need much faster response time in such events. Discussions in progress and proposals being sought, but funding still needed.
- An Emergency Texting Solution could be beneficial for a multi-layered communication protocol to go along with PCHS's PA System and VoIP Phone System. Solutions being investigated, but funding still needed.
- PCHS should investigate Social Media Monitoring services such as the social Sentinel (www.SocialSentinel.com) as an additional early detection/warning service to potential threats.



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Permits & Setups:

- Total Permit Revenue for Jan 2018 at ~\$41,000:
 - \$12,000 Filming
 - \$25,000 Recurring Usage Agreement/Permits
 - \$4,000 Non-Recurring Permits + Banners
- Hoping to have a few good months of filming revenue (January thru March) before the Testing Season in April/May requires more peace and quiet during school days.
- Baseball field had outfield grass thatched and new seed and fertilizer was laid. Field was closed on December 15th and re-opened as scheduled on Monday, February 5th (and looked great – Thanks Rocky!)
- Winter Sports Permits in full gear – Spring Sports in Try-Out and Start-up Mode
- Sample of Activities Since Last Board Meeting:
 - FNL Performances
 - 1970's Concert Choir Performances
 - Palisades Symphony Performances
 - BSU Showcase
 - TVN Parent Meeting
 - YMCA Programs: Y&G, Model UN,
 - PP Homeless Task Force Meetings
 - Our House grief Counseling Meeting
 - Girl Scout Cookies Distribution
 - Teen Court
 - Special Board Meeting on Long Term Financial Planning
 - CTE Advisory Committee meeting
 - Voter Registration
 - Coldwell Banker Community Meeting
 - Link Crew Freshman Friday Event
 - Justice League Dodgeball Tournament

MGAC/Pool:

- PCHS, Group/Club and Public Use of MGAC/Pool Continues as Usual
- PCHS Pool Records Board Planned
- Waiting on Funding Plan for Possible Improvements of:
 - Shade for Bleachers on Temescal Side of Pool
 - Outdoor Showers Added under Scoreboard
- Frequency of miscellaneous repairs at Pool starting to climb as Pool Equipment ages
- PCHS should start accruing/saving for major repairs in the 3-5 year timeframe as major pool components start to reach their useful life of 8-10 years.
 1. Replace Lochinvar High Efficiency Heaters (2) that serve all pools (~\$40-\$50k)
 2. Re-Plaster All Pools (~\$160-\$200k)
 3. Replacement Competition Pool Pump (~\$25-\$35k)



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Transportation:

- Ridership has leveled off around 790 students
- Reminder – Special Ed buses combined from 2 to 1 after some students aged out 1st Semester
- New Special Ed Bus Vendor (Mission) took over on Feb 5th. All going smoothly. Reduced Durham Special Ed bus costs ~\$10,000/mo.
- Durham's Regular Ed bus service has been shorting PCHS buses anywhere from 1 to 8 buses a day since Mid-Jan. Over the last two weeks, we've been shorted seven (7) buses 4 days, and 2-4 buses short the other 6 days. PCHS has been forced to rent substitute buses to ensure students can adequately get to/from school costing ~\$15,000.
- Durham's bus shorting has frequently been with little to no notice. I'd be told at Noon that 3 buses were not going to show up for the 2:06pm dismissal, leaving PCHS with no ability to rent buses in time to get to PCHS on time. We've had to combine no-show buses routes to other buses just to get the students home, causing delays for all riders on the buses receiving extra stops.
- We've been shorted 7th-Period/3:08pm Dismissal and 5:45pm Late Buses and had to have early route buses double-back after their routes to cover these departure times. Because of the extended routes of these earlier buses traffic and traffic, these buses would then arrive back at PCHS 15-45 minutes late and therefore the students are leaving PCHS late.
- Durham canceled several Athletic Trip buses the day before they were supposed to leave. PCHS has to scramble and get substitute buses for those trips.
- Durham has had multiple bus breakdowns this 2nd Semester. Luckily not all affecting students. Some have occurred here at PCHS after they had dropped off students in AM, or down on PCHS after dropping students off in the AM; but they've had breakdowns affecting students as well – 2 in the last two weeks.
- While the later part of the 1st Semester was fairly uneventful, Durham has had a very poor performance start to the 2nd Semester, and on a regular basis keeps saying it's going to be better tomorrow or next week, and then it isn't.

Facilities/Projects:

- Elevator Repairs Completed – To date, elevator has been operating as needed.
- School-Wide central heating system not working due to system leak. Repairs completed in late Jan. System working again. Repair location was kept open for 2 weeks to make sure no issues reoccurred, and is scheduled for backfill and concrete.
- Sunset storm drain overflow that caused hillside and baseball outfield damage has resolved and cleaned up. Hillside repairs being investigated by LAUSD with City of LA.
- STEAM Classrooms Electrical Upgrades Well Underway (should be completed in a week or so)
- Student Restroom Upgrades Being Planned for Spring & Summer Breaks
- Re-Seeding of Main Quad completed and looking much better
- Front of A-Building Landscaping being planned for March installation
- Spring Break Project Planning Underway
- Stadium LED Lighting Project Planned for Spring Break
- 2 New Hydration Stations were installed Mid-Jan



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Facilities/Projects: Continued:

- **Garden Gateway Phase 3** – Landscape Architect and Electrical Plans received LAUSD approval. Waiting for wall/sign structural plan approval.
- **Security Fencing** – Security/Safety fencing discussions with Faculty/Staff, Students and Board ongoing. Fencing Needed! Funding still needed.
- **Gym A/C Project** – Additional meetings with LAUSD construction team in Jan & Feb. Project pending DSA Approval, then to go out for bid/award. Estimated start of 8/1/2018 and completion 11/1/2019 (15 months).