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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
MAY 15, 2018**

WASC accreditation results –PCHS is now WASC accredited through June 30, 2024. The six-year clear comes with a mid-cycle progress report that demonstrates that the school has addressed the critical areas for follow-up through the schoolwide action plan; made appropriate progress on the implementation of the schoolwide action plan; and improved student achievement relative to the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.

The **LAUSD Charter Division Annual Compliance visit** is underway.

Palisades Charter High School’s performance-based oversight visit is scheduled for **two days, Thursday, May 10th for Binder Review, ESSA Review and Tuesday, May 15, 2018 for Team meetings, observations and Leadership Meeting.** Teams meet initially, engage in meaningful dialogue, sharing of information, and observations prior to the entire Leadership meeting in which we will all roll out our synopsis to the group with commendations and recommendations as appropriate.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Item	Tentative Time
1. Morning Informal Gathering	45 minutes
2. Team Meetings/see Guiding Questions for composition of teams Observations and Explorations	2 ½ hours Questions are organized around school-wide instructional goals and strategies that are <u>grounded in the Charter School’s Petition.</u>
3. Fiscal and Segregation of Duties	60 minutes /Specific time pending
4. HR Meeting	30 minutes
5. Special Education Review Meeting	20 minutes
6. CSD Working Lunch to discuss morning team meetings and observations	30-45 minutes
7. Asking of clarifying questions (as needed)	Throughout the day
8. Entire Leadership Team Meeting	45-60 minutes

The purpose of this year’s interview questions will drive not only our oversight visit and reflection to support needs as you plan for your next renewal.

PEER Day PEER stands for Performance + Equity = Excellent Results. The objectives for this event are to validate PCHS’s value in peer leadership and service, educate students on the



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initiatives of each group, encourage group collaboration during the 2018-19 school year, and recruit across groups for support. During our first PEER Day on May 3rd participants got to know their fellow peer leaders, learned about each group's mission, vision, initiatives, ways to get involved and heard personal testimonials from students, teachers, and administrators. Leaders from Pali Ambassadors, Dolphin Leadership Academy, Link Crew and Peer Mediators presented information about their organizations and collected contact information from students interested in joining their groups.

Career Education is an important component of high school preparation for college and the work force. PCHS is fortunate to have industry partners who are willing to dedicate their time to meet with students. Several end of year assembly programs highlighted panels and presentations with business professionals:

Fuerza Unida held career-focused presentations. The following professionals presented:

Alex Padilla – Police Commission Investigative Unit/Councilman for city of Inglewood

Dr. Cerisa Mocayo – Dentist

Jose Ramirez – Systems Engineer/IT

Esperanza Sanchez – Museum Curator/Historian

Tatiana Alvarez – Associate Director of Grants at Altamed Health Services/HR

Alan Avila – Ph.D. Student in Mechanical Engineering at the University of California, Riverside.

Jamie Lopez – Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Amber Grant - Financial Advisor - Silver Lining Capital Management, CEO Ms. Grant presented for a full period regarding financial literacy and helpful tips.

Kia Green - YMCA. Ms. Green discussed volunteer opportunities with YMCA and other non-profit organizations around Los Angeles.

Sand - (Inspirational Speaker) Artist, originally from East LA, makes custom paintings and art murals for big companies and celebrities.

Ed Massey – Sculptor, painter, installation artist presented in Angelica Pereryra's art classes.

Career Day and Fair – Wednesday, May 23rd

Career Fair in the Quad – 8:45am-12:15pm

Career Speakers in Mercer Hall – 10:00-11:45pm

Students will have the opportunity to learn of the many career opportunities that exist and how they can create their own pathways to success. Presenters include some of the top industry leaders speaking on how they found their careers and what students need to focus on to find a rewarding and profitable profession.

Tchala Reid - **SPN Networks, Inc.**



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Meredith Sommers – **Franklin Covey Education**

Estelle Reyes- Director of Community Engagement **Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator**

Ted Milner - President **Executive Temps**

Niki Anderson - **Orthopedic Assistant** Instructor - Rio Hondo College

Dr. Rodney Gabriel - **Orthopedic Surgeon** Cedars Sinai Hospital

Meryl Holland - Principal **Brand New You** Branding and Personal Marketing

Wyatt Bushnell - Principal **Virsix, Inc.** Alum/Virtual Reality

This event is coordinated by Mike Rawson, PCHS Development Director.

LCAP update – PCHS is working to collect stakeholder input regarding **local control accountability plan** spending priorities. The Long Term Strategic Planning groups have played a key role in the stakeholder input process and recently held an evening meeting to encourage those who are not able to attend afternoon meetings to join this important discussion. Parent groups such as The Village Nation and The English Language Advisory Council have provided input on their priorities which have been incorporated into the LCAP priority survey. A final survey to determine funding priorities will be provided for to staff, students, and parents in May.

Communication Policies – PCHS periodically reviews policies to make revisions that reflect the changing needs of the school. Policies related to communication are currently under review. The policies are included in this month’s Board meeting materials. *Areas identified for revision include policies for 1) use of internal systems such as Schoology and 2) press and media protocols.*

Assessment of Needs/Opportunities to Improve Processing of Human Resources/Business/Payroll Items

PCHS engaged in a self-initiated audit with Education Support Services Consultant Donna Rose, a retired school district CBO. PCHS CBO Greg Wood and Director of Human Resources Amy Nguyen met with Ms. Rose to explore best practices and steps to improve organizational procedures. The report presented by Ms. Rose is included in Board meeting materials. PCHS plans to implement the recommendations made by the start of the 2018-19 school year.

End of School/Graduation Assembly Day - June 7

As school winds down, it can be hard for many students to leave their teachers and friends behind during the summer months. They are used to the school routine, and change does not come easily, especially when home lives are unpredictable. Even though summer vacation is highly anticipated, losing contact with people they have seen every day for ten months can be difficult for students. Closure provides everyone with a chance to say goodbye. Saying “Goodbye” at the end of the year gives a sense of continuity and comfort. “Goodbye” is a good culminating activity after our school opening of “Hello”! Our underclassmen will hear the graduation speeches during the rehearsal and witness the senior graduation practice



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processional. They will then experience a formal “Goodbye” to our seniors. Underclassmen will culminate to their next grades as well.

EDP Professional Development during April and May

School Safety Symposium

Pedro Noguera/LACOE presentation on “Change for Equity”

Restorative Justice training