



# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

## PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT JUNE 5, 2018

### **End of School Wrap up**

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is actually here. The close of each school year is both exciting and bittersweet. Final exams will be held Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6. On Thursday, June 7 PCHS will follow an all classes meet, minimum day schedule. Friday, June 8 is a non-student day; staff will wrap up final grades and enjoy a fun summer kickoff barbecue and softball game.

### **Graduation Assembly Day - June 7**

As the school year 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 processional. They will then experience a formal "Goodbye" to our seniors. Underclassmen will culminate to their next grades as well.

### **Class of 2018 Commencement Ceremony – June 7**

The ceremony begins promptly at 5:30pm at the Stadium by the Sea. Approximately 715 students will receive diplomas. LAUSD Board District 4 representative Nick Melvoin will be speaking at this year's ceremony along with Valedictorian Alicia Abramson and Senior Class President Nima Rafie. Additional speakers from the Class of 2018 are Robinne Taylor and Giselle Murillo.

### **Academic Achievement Team Updates**

- Dolphin Leadership Academy registration is open for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. We are recruiting to fill 130-135 seats. The three week program begins on June 16.
- PCHS met the 95% participation rate required for CASSPP (CA Assessment of Student Performance and Progress).
- The Ed Tech position is expanding to a full-time position. A tech coach position was collapsed to help fund this much needed support position.
- PLC notebooks are now being submitted in digital format. At the end of each semester PLCs submit evidence of common assessments, data analysis, curriculum planning, goals, and progress toward goals.



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- Back to School Professional Development and department retreats will focus on lesson plans for equity. Department retreats and PLC planning will focus on instruction and equity.
- The staff summer reading assignment will incorporate articles related to the schoolwide equity study.
- The World Language Department held a day long professional development focused on instruction and alignment of curriculum. The feedback from participants was very positive.
- Sociology will replace the pod Humanities course for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Policy Review and Updates**

PCHS is reviewing existing policies and making revisions to reflect current practices and needs. New policies are being created to provide guidance and transparency. Policies being drafted pertain to AP Testing, Traveling Teachers, Grading, Dual Enrollment, and Communication/Press.

Currently under review - Field Trip/Tour Policy Board Approved June 2017 (included in meeting materials with recommended language from Charter Safe).

### **EDP Professional Development**

May 22 - May Revision Budget Workshop sponsored by School Services of California