



# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

## PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

### Focus on Equity

**Fuerza Unida (FUN) Retreat** - *Fuerza Unida* is a PCHS support program for Latino students. The mission statement for the organization is as follows: *As a coalition, we provide academic and personal support for Latino students by harnessing resources from our school, families and community, so students build self-efficacy to participate and contribute to an evolving global society.*

Sixteen *madrinas* and *padrinos* dedicated two days to goal setting, planning student events and parent meetings for the current school year. The group met at the Queen Mary in Long Beach where they were able to achieve a high level of analysis and planning for the year focused on aligning to the Math Task Force and school goals.

The first FUN event of the year was the Welcome Back! Workshops for all Latino students held this week. The workshops were designed to inspire students to pursue their best selves by using the resources provided at PCHS. A priority for *Fuerza Unida* is to identify ways to support traveling students in funding transportation. Our school is committed to maintaining and decreasing our diverse student body. Challenges paying for transportation to reach the PCHS campus is an obstacle that many families are unable to overcome.

### **FUN ASSEMBLIES - GRADE LEVEL AGENDAS**

#### **9th Grade Stations:**

1. Tech Station
2. Self-advocacy, How to write an email-
3. Attack of the Zeros/Mayan Math
4. Upperclassmen w/ Evelyn's students/LSU & Link Crew: How to get involved at Pali
5. Academic/College Counselors

#### **12th Grade Stations:**

1. Checklist- deadlines for colleges/Senior Meeting (need laptops)
2. FAFSA PIN - Erika (We didn't talk about this station but do we still want this station?)
3. College Station
4. Digital citizenship/digital self-audit
5. Taking care of business



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### 10th & 11th Grade Stations:

1. Checklist for 10th & 11th, A-G - Have you done this to get ready for graduation? Go to college? Log in to Naviance
2. College Acceptance GPA Game; protecting your GPA
3. Protecting your social media presence/digital citizenship
4. P.A.L.I. Acronym
5. Positive Coping Strategies and Mental Health

The Village Nation provides support for Pali's African American students. Their workshop and assemblies are scheduled for the coming weeks. More information to come!

### Community Relations

PCHS hosted a meeting of four LAUSD conversion charter schools to share best practices. Executive Directors and Chief Business Officers from Birmingham Community Charter High School, El Camino Real Charter High School, and Granada Hills Charter High School participated. The group meets quarterly with the next gathering scheduled at El Camino. PCHS also hosted Granada Hills administrators at the annual Charter Bowl football game.

We also learned that multiple Conversion Schools were being retroactively billed for LAUSD Maintenance & Operations fees going back several years. As it relates to PCHS, LAUSD is alleging that approximately \$329,000 in services were provided to PCHS for the past two years. PCHS staff are reviewing the legitimacy and accuracy of these charges and legal representation has been sought by all of the Charters involved.

### Academics

Math department co-chairs, Assistant Principal for the department, and a department member attended the Jo Boaler *Mathematical Mindsets* Conference at Stanford University. More information about the strategies from the conference is provided in the meeting materials.

### Climate and Culture

The first **Community Day** of the year highlighted steps to prevent bullying. The program launched the "Choose Respect" public service announcement competition.

### Schoolwide Assembly

On September 26 PCHS will launch the new standard values for all PCHS stakeholders. The PALI focal points for the year are positivity, aspiration, leadership, and integrity. This will be a joyous occasion for our campus where we will acknowledge our students' accomplishments according to our school's values. Student performances will be featured.

**New Parent Breakfast** - PCHS welcomed more than 100 parents on Saturday, September 9. Chartwell provided a full breakfast so that parents could sample cafeteria offerings. Pali administrators Chris Lee, Tami Christopher, and Pam Magee shared information with parents along with students from the Ambassadors program, Gio Stewart, Mike Rawson, and parent representatives from Boosters, PCHS Fund, and PTSA.



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**Back to School Night 2 at First AME Church** - PCHS is committed to building strong relationships with all stakeholders. Our parent outreach program includes hosting informational meetings at satellite locations that are easier for traveling families to reach. On Thursday, September 20, PCHS in partnership with First AME Church met with parents and students to share information about programs such as campus unification, transportation, classroom expectations, support services, and parent involvement. PTSA provided food for the gathering.

**Ambassadors Training** on Saturday, September 9. More than 50 PCHS Ambassadors participated in training preparing them to lead parent tours for prospective families. More than 20 tours are planned for the school year at various times of the day to meet the needs of prospective parents. Ambassadors also participate in community events with the Optimist Club and other civic groups.

### **Executive Director/Principal Professional Development**

*CCSA Executive Summit* - October 29 and 30 in San Francisco

The charter school association is providing lodging and transportation reimbursements for school leaders.

*Los Angeles Advocacy Council* - September 18

*Charter Operated Programs/Coordinating Council* -September 18

EDP participated for Assistant Principal of Special Education and Student Support Services

### **Department Updates**

#### **Admission and Attendance**

- Swipe K12 system to be implemented to speed up students coming late—students will swipe in with ID cards. Swipe K12 works with Infinite Campus and OLR is an IC system.
- Sanford Pics has replaced all ID cards to resolve barcode issues.
- PCHS will begin using OLR (On-line registration) in October which will make the entire process automated and online.
- Enrollment as of 9/21 is 2979

#### **English**

- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Honors Classes (students can decide on CP)
- Pali Academy students are working with the same curriculum as main campus students thanks to Department Chairs Ms. Steinman and Dr. Adams
- PBL (Project Based Learning) in 11<sup>th</sup> grade through PLC



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### **Tech Education**

- Created common assessment with HERO curriculum

### **Counseling Office**

- Counselors processed over 1,400 schedule requests
- Currently working on Senior Letters and checking for graduation credits
- Working on a policy along with Department Chairs regarding:
  - Waitlists and Student Priorities for AP/Specialty Classes Requests
  - Taking On-Line and/or Off-Site (ex: Community Colleges) Classes
- College Fair is October 8th
- Academic & Attendance Excellence Recognition October 23 & 24th
- Partnering with West LA College:
  - ASL & Psychology Classes for PCHS and College Credit
  - WLA College will start coming to Pali every Wednesday to help plan with 12th grade students to help them achieve their community college goal

### **Special Education and Student Support Services**

- PCHS continues to partner with the DirectEd team to provide oversight and support for the Special Education and Student Support Services program.
- The DirectEd team is working with PCHS to identify potential department efficiencies that could result in cost savings for the school that do not impact students.
- A restorative justice center and a therapeutic support center are being developed. Space has been allocated adjacent to the Deans Offices. Trained staff are assigned to the locations and are working with students who have a variety of mental health and emotional needs.
- Dr. Chris Lee provided a presentation to parents at this week's PTSA meeting on coping with anxiety. The presentation titled "Anxiety to Resiliency" is included in the meeting materials.