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CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Curriculum Council

11/14/18

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Dr. Magee's Introduction:

- Pam opened by thanking everyone for their help during the fires communicating and keeping in touch regarding the schedule.
- Faculty Meeting is rescheduled 12/4
- We are entering the bargaining cycle. Pam asks our help for keeping this civil and cooperative and working with good intentions.
- Charter Renewal is approaching. Important topics will be admissions policies, transportation, and other changes or modifications about Pali. There is a Charter Committee forming and is welcoming new members.
- Board brought back the Academic Accountability Committee. This committee will discuss the use of instructional time.

Department Share-Outs:

- **Math:** Looking for math teacher for second semester. Math classes will be turning over based on students passing with a "C" or better.
- **World Languages:** Going well. Italian teacher coming back next semester after maternity leave. New curriculum is great. Honors/Combo classes working well in terms of differentiation except for a few tricky glitches on the technical end. Chris wanted to offer compliments to the department for their differentiation. Maggie shared that the differentiation is not difficult.
- **History and Spanish will be asking** CP/Honors options for the second semester **English will not be** asking student options. Current options will remain all year.
- **Science:** Working on writing a department goal and tech plans. John will be sharing an update about V.A. Alex will be sharing updates on V.A. Chemical elimination is being monitored by Schalek and Oscar is assisting
- **Computers/Tech:** Working to make sure the Amazon cloud classes and Santa Monica cloud classes are to code. Designing new classes for cloud computing and cybersecurity
- **Social Science:** Classes have been studying the propositions and shared their information with the school community
- **English:** Some struggles with processing the honors and college prep split. English is working on what their philosophy is and what they want to do for next year.
- **Virtual Academy:** The Parent Information Night has been canceled for this week due to the fires. The next Parent Information Night has been scheduled for 11/28
- **Counseling:** Course planning online is the most pertinent work done right now. A Google Form will be sent home to Pali families so when students meet with counselors they



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- have a working plan already. Minh Ha spoke about using student numbers and being sure to have student's DOB

New Course Proposals:

- **Conceptual Physics:** John Vieira introduced this course as a project based design course. This allows a ninth grader to meet their Pali and UC physical science requirement. This course is a year-course. The goal is to look as a whole and how that helps students build skills that will lead them into other courses. This is also a STEM class on an introductory level. Semester One Newtonian Physics. Second Semester: Light, sound, symmetry. Math heavy course

Policy Discussions:

- **Grading Policy Share-out:**
 - Inputting data should be within one system that has data linked.
 - Questions: What is our grading policy for? If one does not put in a grade a week, then a student can appeal the grade because the teacher did not do this. Guidelines in the policy must clearly be able to be used by the student and by the teacher.
 - One's grade should be reflected of a standard-where is the information on this? This is important to have.
- **AP Policy Share-out:**
 - De-stress parent involvement because it is not preparing them for college. Additionally, it is a college-level class.
 - The grade bump is .025 pts each semester for Pali
 - For UC and CSU it is 1 point up
 - Earning a 1 in an AP course, there is the suggestion that the student does not take another AP course.
 - Recommended caps: 1 AP as a freshman. Please clarify this. Pre-requisites for the class necessary.
 - Section about subsidies for testing fees
 - Needs to be a waitlist policy for AP. Social Science policy is teacher recommendation.
 - Those with the lowest scores go into the lottery. The policy must be in writing. Next meeting Steve Burr will bring their policy. We will develop a school-wide policy

Department Chairs are asked to discuss the policies with their department before the next Curriculum Council in the following order:

1. AP
2. Homework
3. Concurrent Enrollment and Drop
4. Attendance