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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

Math Success Task Force update

The Math Success Task Force met in November to review progress toward the action plan (*included in meeting materials with meeting minutes*) developed by the group last year and to determine next steps. The group will continue meeting monthly throughout the school year.

Professional Development:

- **Faculty Meetings**

As PCHS works to provide meaningful professional development, we are dedicating faculty meeting time to training and collaboration. Each meeting is developed following a lesson plan model (*December meeting lesson plan and Powerpoint presentation included in meeting materials*). A standing segment in each faculty meeting is the Pali Pause and brief presentation led by the Mindful Messengers student group coordinated by health teacher and Board member Susan Ackerman. Another monthly feature is the Tech Corner presented by Ed Tech Coordinator John Vieira (*See John's Ed Tech Newsletter at www.paliedtech.org*). The December meeting focused on Academic Integrity, a topic that is always important but especially so at the end of the semester. A connection was made to the PALI acronym (more information below) that identifies **Integrity** as a core value of our school.

Pali Acronym

Positivity - Maintaining a positive attitude and assuming positive intentions in others

Aspiration - Adopting a growth mindset, and setting short- and long-term goals

Learning - Improving through mistakes and support

Integrity - Doing the right thing consistently, even when no one is watching

The purpose of the PALI Acronym is to identify an overall standard of values for all PCHS stakeholders and to promote/cultivate positive campus culture and climate to foster civility. The acronym serves as a foundation for school efforts to create procedures, programs, events & activities, curriculum and long and short-term strategic planning.

After reviewing the PCHS Honor Code, the faculty discussed strategies to prevent cheating and the steps to take when it occurs.

- **Back to School Professional Development Monday, January 7**

The keynote presentation is from Trauma Informed Schools. For more information about TIS, click [HERE](#)



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Teachers will also participate in small learning groups addressing the following topics:

- Charter Renewal
- Human Resources Updates
- Technology Focus: Infinite Campus and Schoology

Other professional development opportunities include monthly **New Teacher Meetings** and **Professional Learning Community (PLC)** Meetings

- **Pepperdine Partnership** PCHS is now in partnership with Pepperdine University's Seaver College. We are working together as a Professional Development school site. We have four student teachers here learning from our PCHS master teachers.

Policy Development:

Policies in the development/review process:

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

PCHS Policy Development Process - Administration drafts initial policy. Policy discussed in Curriculum Council/Department Chair meetings. Department chairs discuss in department meetings. Policy comes back to Curriculum Council. Administration reviews. Policy comes to PCHS Board for approval. ***Prep period meetings*** will be held in January to discuss the proposed policies and gather feedback. Input will be included in the Curriculum Council discussion.

Communication:

A **PCHS Annual Progress Report** is in development for the website. The report will feature infographics highlighting academics, programs offered, and unique aspects of our school. The Progress Report is designed to communicate school progress with the campus community. It will also be useful for development and recruitment efforts.

Recognition:

- LAUSD will recognize **Championship Fall Sports Teams** at the December 11 Board meeting. Congratulations to Girls Volleyball, Girls Tennis, and Boys Water Polo teams.
- Human Rights Watch Student Task Force Advisor Angelica Pereyra was recognized with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Ted Lieu's Office
- **Pali Positives** are now featured in weekly newsletter in addition to a reserved parking space for a month. Each month a certificated and classified employee are selected for recognition based on going above and beyond to serve students and improve our school.



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PCHS/PCHS UTLA Bargaining Meetings

Bargaining teams representing PCHS and PCHS UTLA met on December 5. The next meetings are scheduled for January and February.