



2021-22

A Year in Review

SCHOLAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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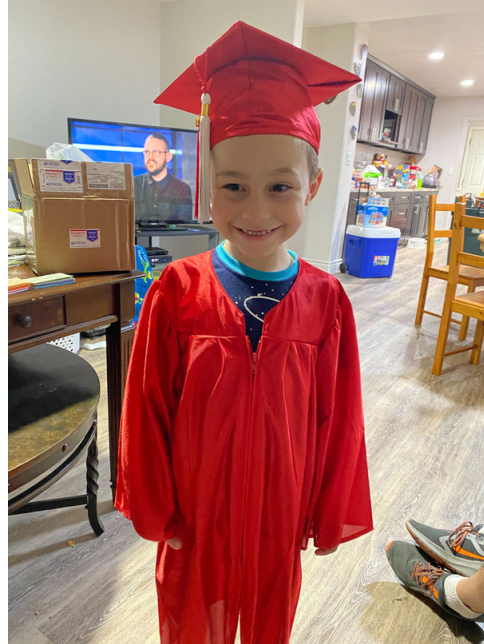


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Compass Charter Schools



MISSION • VISION • VALUES



Mission

Our mission is to inspire and develop innovative, creative, self-directed learners, one scholar at a time.

Vision

Our vision is to create a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for life-long learning, and prepare scholars to take responsibility for their future success.

Values

Achievement | Respect | Teamwork | Integrity | Communication



A WORD FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT & COUNCIL CHAIR

Here at Compass Charter Schools, what we value most is our scholar's voice; listening to and learning from our scholars is what fuels us to strive for greatness and improve in every way possible. The Scholar Leadership Council (SLC) provides scholar feedback on school policies and procedures at Compass to ensure that they are consistent with our mission, vision, and values. Members act as a committed group of advisors to the staff and administration regarding issues that affect their peer scholars at Compass. They provide feedback and insight from the scholar's perspective on school processes, policies, and initiatives to ensure that the needs of scholars are included as decisions are made.

SLC serves as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, encourages brainstorming, and provides opportunities for scholar involvement on committees. Within the past year, the SLC has heard from various members of Compass, as well as thought partners, to gain insight and perspective in regards to the activities and interests of the school and has used this information to make better-informed decisions and recommendations.

The SLC is composed of scholars from multiple grade levels in both the Online and Options Learning Programs. The SLC utilizes these scholars' experiences to learn from one another and explore every perspective. They conducted their elections this past October and elected KristiLynn Effie as Chair and Taia Saurer as Vice-Chair.

The SLC also conducted their annual scholar survey and used the results and feedback to address issues Compass scholars have expressed. As a result of many in-depth conversations, the SLC has made multiple recommendations to Compass in the hopes of addressing these issues and improving the scholar experience as a whole. In reflecting upon this past year, the SLC is excited and hopeful for the next year and generation of Firebirds and is looking forward to continuing their work to improve Compass. The SLC is always open and accepting of new members and encourages Compass scholars to become involved in the SLC's goal of improving Compass Charter Schools.

Forever Loud and Proud,



J.J. Lewis, Superintendent & CEO



KristiLynn Effie, Council Chair



ABOUT THE SCHOLAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



KristiLynn Effie - Council Chair

I have been with Compass Charter Schools since 2014, and this is my fourth year on the Scholar Leadership Council (SLC). I have a 4.0 GPA and am in the National Honors Society. As part of the SLC, I want to be a voice for other scholars in representing Compass by giving ideas and feedback. I enjoy working on my schoolwork online, specifically English and Science, which fascinates me. I strive to exceed and to be the best version of myself possible. Outside of my studies, I have a passion for creative arts and am also committed to volunteering within my community.



Taia Saurer - Vice Chair

Hi, my name is Taia; I'm a 7-grade scholar in the Compass Options Program, which I love because I have plenty of flexibility and time to follow my passions. A few of the things that I enjoy doing are reading, writing, dreaming, traveling, all things space-related, soccer, sailing, singing, playing the piano and guitar. While I love all of these things, my newest passion is indoor skydiving! I'm excited to be on the SLC to advocate for my fellow Firebirds. I'm looking forward to an amazing year, and I hope to meet many of you at upcoming events (I'll be the one wearing the NASA t-shirt.)



Brayden Bereki - Council Member

I have been an online learner since first grade and have been attending Compass Charters Schools since I was in elementary school. While at Compass, I have been on the honor roll for numerous years; this is my first year on the Student Leadership Council. Compass has improved me in many ways, and I would like to return the favor and help improve my school. My goal in life is to go to medical school and become a doctor.



Alexis Gordon - Council Member

I have been an online learner going on eight years, the past five years with Compass. This is also my second year with the Student Leadership Council. I strongly believe that we, the scholars, should advise and contribute to our learning environment to help shape Compass into the best school it can possibly be.



Lyric Hearne-Hooker - Council Member

I have been a proud Compass scholar since 5-grade. In two years, I hope to be a graduate of Compass as well. Diversity and acceptance are very important to me, and by volunteering in my West Hollywood community, I hope to demonstrate those principles. Here at Compass, I have served as President of the Virtual Field Trips Club, been on the Scholar Leadership Council since 9-grade, and currently serve as Co-VP of the NHS. Through Compass, I have also had the opportunity to earn a scholarship from the Carson Scholars Fund. In my spare time, I am busy running my Etsy shop, which specializes in recycled materials and green retail. My dream career would be one that allows me to thrive in a creative environment and travel the world.

ABOUT THE SCHOLAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CONT.

Alex Iihara - Council Member

I have been with Compass since 4-grade, and this has been my home for two years. I love baseball, snowboarding, swimming, and reading books. This school has allowed a flexible curriculum to pursue my favorite subject, math, although I have busy weekends playing on one of the top travel baseball teams. Thinking of the best academic path for each scholar sometimes means extra work for teachers, counselors, and other school staff. I am grateful for all of them. I am honored to join this Scholar Leadership Council and excited to work with other great members. This leadership council is very important, especially for this type of school, as most scholars are physically located away from each other. I want to listen to other scholars' opinions and work hard to make this school better for everyone. Go Compass!



Aure Ruediger - Council Member

Compass has been my school since kindergarten, and it is wonderful being a Firebird (that's our school mascot). There are many exciting things I get to do at Compass, like join our school's clubs and explore many of my scholarly interests now through the Options program. For instance, in the past, I have been in the Arts+Crafts Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Creative Writing Club, Lego Club, Minecraft Club, Photo Club, Sewing Club, and Virtual Field Trips Club. Outside of school, I used to be an avid grower of guppies, bettas, and lots of fish while also practicing some horseback riding. I still love to ice skate. More recently, I have turned to gardening, cooking and baking, art, reading, music, canine training, and movie reviewing. When I'm a grown-up, I would like to have a science degree like my Mom or an engineering degree like my Dad.



Cricht Ruediger - Council Member

I have been here at Compass since kindergarten. I like that I have sweet and helpful teachers here at my school. It's epic how we attend class remotely, with all my teachers and schoolmates living all over California! I used to be a very keen fishkeeping hobbyist, but now my hobbies have changed. I am still into my hobbies of baking, creating art, gardening, and playing video games. I also read more and listen to music more now, and I like watching movies full of action and comedy. Because both of my Grandfathers owned businesses of their own, I hope to be in good business, too.



Avery Stansbury - Council Member

Avery is an 8-grade scholar at Compass Charter Schools. He has been part of the Compass family for three years. When he is not in learning labs and completing school work, he enjoys playing the piano, reading, and is determined to be a YouTuber. Avery is part of the SLC because he wants to represent his peers at Compass, help make the school a better place, and learn new leadership skills.



ABOUT THE SCHOLAR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CONT.



Madison Wilkes - Council Member

Hi! I'm Madison Wilkes. I'm in 7-grade and 11 years old, and I joined the council because I love to make improvements. I always have lots of good ideas and hope to make a difference at Compass. My hobbies include drawing, writing, and doing crafts.



Trent Yee - Council Member

Hi, My name is Trent; I am 11 years old and in 5-grade. This is my first year at Compass. I enjoyed my first semester, and I'm looking forward to the next. I have been a scholar of the month and am president of The Virtual Field Trip, and We Dine together clubs. Compass is a great school that boosts my reading and writing skills in a fun way. The curriculum allows me to take breaks, interact with other scholars, and, most importantly, have fun! I am very excited and happy to be on the SLC because I am VERY social and love to collaborate with other scholars. I look forward to listening to the ideas and concerns of teachers and scholars to help improve the Compass environment. I will make helpful suggestions to improve the scholar experience. My hobbies include: playing with my two dogs, rollerblading, ice skating, playing outside, watching tv, playing video games, and traveling.



Airis Yeung - Council Member

Hello, my name is Airis, and I am in 11-grade. I have been with Compass since first grade and have enjoyed all the surprises that the school has to offer! Being at Compass has allowed me to have a unique educational experience and try new things that I would normally not encounter. From the very beginning, Compass has opened many doors for me to improve myself and light a path to my future and career. I am grateful to be a part of the Scholar Leadership Council because I love being a leader by adding input, insight, and most importantly, listening to other people's ideas. When everyone cooperates, it brings me happiness and teaches me how to work with others. It is an honor to be a part of the council, and I look forward to another awesome year at Compass!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



The Scholar Leadership Council serves to provide scholar feedback on school policies and procedures at Compass Charter Schools to ensure that they are consistent with its mission, vision, and values. Members act as a committed group of advisors to the staff and administration regarding issues that affect their peer scholars at Compass. They provide feedback and insight from the scholar's perspective on school processes, policies, and initiatives to ensure that the needs of scholars are included as decisions are made. They also serve as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, encourages brainstorming, and provides opportunities for scholar involvement on committees.

During the 2021-22 school year, the Scholar Leadership Council met on the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. At each meeting, recurring agenda items included hearing updates from the Superintendent and the opportunity to share scholar feedback on the Compass Experience with staff. There are several highlights from meetings this year:

The Scholarship Leadership Council:

- Reviewed the 2021-22 ESSER III Expenditure Plan and provided feedback on the draft plan, which included a discussion on our homeless scholar population and how scholars can help their fellow scholars in September 2021.
- Elected their officers for the year. They were led by KristiLynn Effie (chair) and Taia Saurer (vice-chair).
- Discussed plans for the 10th Anniversary Celebration in October 2021.
- Discussed ways to increase scholar involvement with the SLC at the November 2021 meeting.
- Heard from Rebecca MacAlpine, Director of Engagement, and Danielle DelNegro, Engagement Coordinator, on scholar engagement opportunities and offerings for the current school year in December 2021.
- Launched their annual scholar survey over Winter Break.
- Spent time at each meeting in the Spring to review and analyze the results of the scholar survey.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR, CONT.



The Scholarship Leadership Council, cont.:

- Heard from Catina Hancock from the Learner-Centered Collaborative on the Scholar Profile project. The SLC engaged in a number of thought-provoking design activities, which were facilitated by Catina at the January 2022 meeting.
- Planned National School Choice Week programming at the January 2022 meeting.
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- Provided recommendations regarding enhancing school communications, including the Firebird Report and the Monday Morning Update in February 2022.
- Discussed ways to enhance awareness of offerings to scholars and learning, including finding additional, creative ways to inform and engage scholars and learning coaches and encouraging teachers to bring their classes to the monthly virtual assemblies to increase attendance and participation in March 2022.
- Heard from Catina Hancock from the Learner-Centered Collaborative on the Scholar Profile project. The SLC engaged in a number of thought-provoking activities to bring meaning to the draft profiles, which were facilitated by Catina at the March 2022 meeting.
- Reviewed the results of the 2021-22 Planning Survey at the April 2022 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and provided feedback on the draft 2022-23 Local Control & Accountability Plans (LCAPs) at the May 2022 meeting.

FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE



The Framework for the Future is a large, multi-year initiative which started this year, of which the SLC provided robust feedback on throughout the year. A key feature of the Framework is the Compass Scholar Profiles, which defines the aspirational, whole-learner outcomes, centered on attending to the social, emotional, cognitive, and mental health needs of all scholars.

The four profiles are *Community Leader*, *Effective Collaborator*, *Confident Learner*, and *Innovator*. Each of these profiles has specific definitions, which sets the north star of Compass and expands upon our Gold Standard-work:

Community Leader - I understand that I am a member of a global society and feel a sense of responsibility to make a contribution both at the local level and in the wider world.

Effective Collaborator - I participate in collaborative forums, to build understanding of concepts and to complete authentic tasks; communicating effectively (using active listening, striving to understand others, and seeking to be understood), thereby creating a safe environment in which everyone feels valued and inspired to achieve a common goal.

Confident Learner - I strive to be my best self and recognize my purpose and value both in and outside of school; thinking critically and skillfully to evaluate data and information as a guide to my beliefs and action.

Innovator - I seek to create something new and better in service of achieving my goals; synthesizing information and exploring multiple perspectives to find creative and realistic solutions.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS BETH FOSTER!
Mrs. Foster was voted by scholars as our
Scholars' Choice Employee of the Year!



Foster is a beloved online middle school teacher at Compass; read to what some of her scholars and families have to say:

"I would like to nominate Ms. Beth Foster because, from the beginning of school, she took the time to get to know us scholars and our families. I have been a Compass scholar for six years, and she has been the best homeroom, social studies, and math teacher I have ever had. She is always available when I have questions and need help. With other teachers, I was kinda afraid to ask for help, but Ms. Foster is always patient and kind. She will take time from her busy schedule not only for school but taking care of her family. She has encouraged me to know that if I work hard and keep practicing difficult assignments, I can get better at them. I am sad that I will not have her as a teacher when I go to the high school courses, but I have learned a lot from her that I will do well in high school. I hope she gets employee of the year, as she really deserves it."

"Mrs. Foster did a great job teaching. She had two Q&A sessions a week, one for math and one for history. She was always ready to help me and answer my questions. If I asked her a question through G-Chat, I would get a response less than 2 hours later. She would walk us through the harder assignments, and she made the courses well-paced. We also had two learning labs a week and made sure that everyone was participating in answering questions. At the end of each class, everyone would participate in a self-paced Quiz. These quizzes were helpful for practice. She always gave us lots of resources to help us with our courses. Thank you, Mrs. Foster!"



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If you are interested in serving on the SLC, please contact J.J. Lewis, Superintendent & CEO, at jlewis@compasscharters.org to learn how to get involved!



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