

CEO Report January 29, 2018

Great work is happening throughout the organization. This report is meant to highlight several of the functional areas with updates for the Board of Directors:

Academic Affairs

- Fall Semester ends this Wednesday, January 31st. Grades will be finalized and report cards issued through our Parent Scholar Portal next week. Our Spring Semester starts Thursday, February 1st.
- Scholar Success Coordinators, in collaboration with the Counseling Services Department, have created and conducted Scholar Action Plans and meetings to assist scholars in passing their classes. 75% of online middle school scholars, and 43% of online high school scholars, on these plans have shown major improvement and are passing at least one course.
- In-person a-g science wet labs have been scheduled for Spring Semester, at locations in Clovis, Lake Elsinore, and Los Angeles.
- Four scholars, one from CCS San Diego and three from CCS Los Angeles, have meet the graduation requirements to earn their high school diploma.
- The Counseling Services Department presented 20 presentations/workshops for scholars in grades 6-12 during the Fall Semester. The counseling core curriculum promotes content in the areas of academic achievement, college/career readiness, and personal social growth.
- A total of 16 scholars participated in the Accelerated Course Options Program (ACOP), enrolled in an additional 29 courses during the Fall 2017 semester.
- Counseling Services will be implementing a community service program for all scholars beginning Spring Semester. Each scholar who completes 50 hours of community service will be awarded a **Samaritan Award** to foster a sense of global citizenship.
- The Special Education Department is encouraging age-appropriate scholars to join their IEP meetings and be part of the process in the development of their own individual program.
- Scholar of the Month recognition program continues. *See enclosed press releases.*

Information Services

- We are opening the Physical Fitness Test window early, starting on February 1st, in effort of increasing participation rates. Scholars in grades 5, 7, and 9 are required to take the test. Parents have been sent preliminary information to assist in the administration process.
- Fall 1 reporting was successfully submitted in CalPads, which includes graduation counts for 2016-17 and enrollment by subgroups for the current school year.

Operations

- Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*
- Investment ladder has matured with JP Morgan Chase. We have rolled these funds over per policy. *See enclosed portfolio report.*

Strategic Initiatives

- Our newest initiative, Coffee with Compass, is hitting the road in 2018 to continue to build community among our learning coaches. Suggested by our Parent Advisory Council, we will be hosting Coffee with Compass at two locations each month from January through May 2018. *See enclosed flyer.*
- *Compass Chronicle* quarterly eNewsletter for all stakeholders on past activities and upcoming opportunities for scholars, families and staff. *See enclosed issues.*
- We hosted a Spirit Week last week for scholars, and participated in both School Choice Week and The Great Kindness Challenge. *See enclosed press releases.*
- We are hosting community events in Fresno and San Diego called Family Fun Day in March. These will be opportunities for current and prospective families to enjoy an afternoon with crafts, games, and food.

Miscellaneous

- Compass has been selected to join The Energy Bus for Schools Educational Journey, a process to build and grow positive school culture. *See enclosed press release.*
- I am honored to have been invited to serve on the Digital Learning Coalition, through an invitation from StrongMind as their school partner. The purpose of the Coalition, which is being organized by the Evergreen Education Group, is to Explore, identify, and disseminate data, best practices, and policy recommendations to support K-12 educators and students using online and blended learning to improve learning for all students.
- Two members of the Counseling Services Team will be presenting two sessions at the San Diego County Office of Education School Counselor Conference in February. The sessions are "Best Practices Concurrent Enrollment" and "Transcript Validation" and how both areas are used to meet the College and Career Indicator on the California Dashboard.

A lot of great work is taking place, thanks to our dedicated staff, to continue to improve the educational experience we provide our scholars. My thanks to our team for everything they do each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,

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