

**PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL REPORT  
APRIL 22, 2014**

**Schoolwide Planning and Preparation for Charter Renewal**

*Professional Development Day – March 31*

The day's program focused on the following topics:

1) Compliance training provided by the Office of Civil Rights with an emphasis on ensuring that all students are provided with appropriate educational opportunities to be successful in the school's academic program

2) Review of the PHCS Goal Setting and Schoolwide Planning process: Long Term Strategic Plan, School Goal Setting Process, Columbia Stakeholder Survey, and Local Control Accountability Plan development.

Charter renewal discussion about Element One: Educational Program (Common Core, Common Core EL, Core Academic Readiness, Pyramid of Intervention, A-G College & Career Readiness). Staff divided into groups to review the existing charter and make recommendations based on what PCHS currently does, what we plan to do in the next five years, the current measures and metrics used to measure academic achievement, and other measures and metrics not currently in use that could be implemented to measure academic achievement.

3) Grade level articulation

4) Slip, Trips, and Falls/Safety training

Special education aides participated in department specific strategic training while the administrative support staff engaged in a discussion with executive trainer Drew Kugler focused on communication.

Pali parents Farah and Steve Gozini provided a gourmet food truck and Target gift certificates for raffle prizes throughout the day. PCHS provided childcare for all interested teachers and staff members.

*Local Control Accountability Plan preparation*

April's late start professional development time on Wednesday, April 9 was dedicated to gathering faculty recommendations on funding priorities for the Local Control Accountability Plan. A summary of the schoolwide goal setting and planning process which includes the Long Term Strategic Plan based on the 2012-15 WASC Action Plan and Columbia Stakeholder Survey provided the foundation for groups to review the funding priorities identified in each of the LTSP stakeholder groups (Academic Achievement, Budget, Family & Community, Facilities, Technology). Groups provided recommendations, which have been compiled for further review with additional input with other stakeholder groups in preparation for the final budget planning process.

**Charter Office visit – Tuesday, April 29**

The LAUSD Charter Division team will visit PCHS on April 29. The visit includes meetings with school leadership, students, parents, and staff; discussion and

reflection on academic progress; observations of classrooms and schoolwide operations; facility tour; document review, and visit debrief. The visit focuses on compliance in the following categories: 1) Governance, 2) Student Achievement and Educational Performance, 3) Organizational Management and Operations, 4) Fiscal Operations.

**Pertussis (whooping cough) update** – PCHS is working with the County Office of Public Health to notify staff, parents, and students of the identification of Pertussis at PCHS and the steps to take to protect against or treat the condition. Information is posted on the school website in addition to home mailings.

**California Charter School Association (CCSA) update** – CCSA is currently working to share concerns of LAUSD authorized schools with the District and Charter Division. Frustration over increasingly restrictive policies and growing focus on compliance rather than supporting excellence has prompted schools to enlist the organization’s support. A recommendation has been made to convene a working group of District and charter school representatives to develop standards that are consistent with appropriate oversight that remain fair to charter schools and their students. While the charter schools and CCSA accept and embrace oversight and accountability, the need for expectations that are level with traditional District programs is critical.

CCSA celebrates **National Charter Schools Week by hosting Annual Advocacy Day in Sacramento on Wednesday, May 7**. During the event, participants will have time to network with leaders and parents, tour the Capitol and listen to speakers. Representatives from PCHS will be attending on behalf of our school. If you are Pali teacher/staff member, parent, student, or community member and interested in participating, please contact Pam Magee at [pmagee@palihigh.org](mailto:pmagee@palihigh.org) as soon as possible.