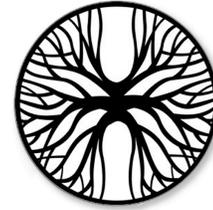


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**ACLCLC Lead Facilitator Report - David Hoopes
Board of Directors' Planning and Organizational Meeting
March 12th, 2014**

CLCS Initial Meeting

A little over two weeks ago, Community Learning Center Schools received an initial facilities offer from AUSD. The offer consisted of a shared Nea and ACLCLC offer on one site at Woodstock. Fortunately, that offer was for 11 years in that location. It seems like ACLCLC will not need to move again for over a decade. At our first CLCS meeting since receiving that initial offer, CLCS invited Lead Facilitators to provide some initial needs assessments as they begin to look at Woodstock for both Nea and ACLCLC. I provided the following initial facilities needs for ACLCLC.

ACLCLC Facility Needs – Woodstock Facilities Needs

14 Classrooms and a Center

- 14 full classrooms (1000 square feet) -
 - 1 Digital media classroom
 - 1 Art room
 - 1 computer lab for learning labs and intervention
 - 4 Science labs –Sinks and Eclectic
 - 1 Resource Room
 - 1 Studio room for Rock shop and Digital Music
- 1 5000 square foot center
 - 70 – 80 available stations

Office Space (12)

1. Main Office
2. CLCS work space at ACLCLC
3. Lead Facilitator
4. Counselor's Office
5. Learning Center (Carrie and Para Professional)
6. Sped conference and instructional room
7. Staff work room
8. Lunchroom – Lunch masters
9. School Psych, language room, ELL, OT
10. Special testing room – CELDT, Smarter Balance, other
11. PE office (Gory) and rainy day room
12. Facilitator Conference space and work room

Storage (11)

- Physics and Engineering Storage
- Chemistry Storage
- Bio Storage
- Humanities Storage
- Tech room

- Server Room
- Custodial Storage
- Custodial Supply room
- General Storage
- Rock shop storage
- PE Storage
- Leadership supplies

Enrollment

Enrollment is moving along very well. After the lottery, ACLC made just over 90 offerings to our 6th grade and just over 60 learners accepted. They now have an opportunity to come together as a community for the first time. Facilitators and returning learners will be there to lead games and answer questions from your children. Also, facilitators and I will be on hand to welcome you, answer questions and support you through the registration process. More requests continue to come in for ACLC.

The following enrollment events have taken place or will take place in the coming weeks.

- ACLC "Couch Night" on Mon. Feb. 24th in the Center was held to answer questions of ACLC 8th graders and parents with high school learners about the ACLC high school experience
- Additional enrollment night are being held Tuesday and Thursday of this week
- Welcome Night for the ACLC Families is being held next Monday. The Family Registration Night and New Learner Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, March 18th from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Several families have already toured or shadowed the school.

California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE)

California Business for Education Excellence has named ACLC "2013 CBEE Honor Roll Schools." Those schools are being recognized for demonstrating consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps.

"After an extensive analysis of student achievement data for every public school in California, these schools stood well above the rest in raising their students to grade-level proficiency and beyond," an announcement letter sent to the district office reads. "Their success stories will provide hope and direction for many other public schools - that all students can reach high levels of academic achievement."

CBEE, a professional organization comprised of business leaders committed to improving public education in California, named 2,091 other schools to their Honor Roll this year, including 1022 higher poverty schools that are both increasing academic performance and closing their achievement gap and 100 "STEM" schools that excel in science and mathematics. (California has about 10,300 public schools and about 1,000 charter schools.)

The CBEE has identified several success factors in its Honor Roll schools, according to the press release, including:

- High expectations for all students
- Ongoing collaboration among teachers to improve practice
- Targeted use of data to track progress and challenges
- Continual intervention for struggling students
- Master of content knowledge and pedagogical practices

PAC update:

PAC has done some exceptional work over the last few weeks. Those successes include:

- Staff Appreciation Lunches to say thanks to the efforts of the ACLC team.
- The Parent Action Committee will host a Couch Night for all CLCS Board Members. Couch Night is an ACLC gathering where parents and other community members mix and discuss ideas in a casual and relaxed way. PAC will have members of the CLCS board join us for a 'let's-get-to-know-each-other' evening:
 - When: Tuesday, March 18th Time: 7:00 p.m.
 - Where: ACLC's Center

The objective of this being to put aside the facilities issue and simply socialize to meet the people in our ACLC community, hopefully including learners and staff who are able to attend.

- PAC is working to support ACLC as we face another transition. As parents we have many options, depending on our interests and time availability. They are requesting that all parents consider the ways in which you may be able to support the school at this time. PAC has decided to form four task-force teams to support ACLC as it goes through another transition to a new location. The teams are:
 - **Learner Morale Team (Julie Skowronski, Team Lead):** Work with learners, facilitators and Lead Facilitator to keep learner morale up during transition to new site, as well as addressing learners' concerns regarding sharing location with Nea.
 - **Academic Program Team (Karen Chin, Team Lead):** Work with David/staff on school needs, planning, etc. usually taken care of this time of year in preparation for following school year.
 - **CLCS Bridge Team (Dore Sandoval, Team Lead):** Work on building a working relationship with CLCS regarding the move and beyond.
 - **Capital Campaign Team (Zack Turner, Team Lead):** Research and keep track of information regarding potential resources for ACLC's future capital campaign.

Upcoming Events:

- **Art and Diversity Night**
 - We are pleased to invite you to ACLC's Art and Diversity event the evening of March 28th. We are celebrating the great learning and teaching that is accomplished at ACLC as we approach our 20th anniversary of ACLC's inception. The Parent Action Committee (PAC) is coordinating a wonderful night of music, art and performance in the Multi-purpose room.
 - Art and Diversity night will be a unique event at ACLC where you can experience the myriad of social and cultural possibilities our school has to offer, with performances taking place on the stage and art on display in rooms! This year we have also introduced the display of great learner projects.
 - This event is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate our rich diversity and school history. The pursuit of educational reform in Alameda began in 1991 when Arthur Andersen and the Alameda Unified School District brought together diverse groups of students, parents, teachers, and administrators, community and business representatives to envision a new future for public education. For example, they felt graduates should have developed skills in creative thinking, reasoning, effective presentation and participatory democracy. ACLC continues those beliefs today and Art and Diversity night is a great opportunity to come out and see our thriving creativity and deeper learning on display.
 - ACLC is nearing its 20th year in existence. Community leaders, past Facilitators, alumni learners and community members are being invited to enjoy the evening performances. Also, all of our new 2014-15 families are being invited as well. So hold on to this invitation and mark you calendar for March 28th. We hope to see you join us for a wonderful celebration of progressive education and ACLC pride.

- **Adam Orla-Bukowski's Eagle Scout Project:**
 - Adam is creating an ACLC Library for our learners. He has built bookcases, and is prepared to install them in our Center soon. He is now specifically looking for books that are of interest to 6th through 12th graders, and are in good condition. We appreciate his efforts to support literature at ACLC, and we hope to see learners enjoying good books in the Center soon.