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ACLCLC Lead Facilitator Report – David Hoopes CLCS Board of Directors December 17th, 2015

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Technology Purchase update

- 6 laptop carts and chrome book laptops will be purchased at ACLC in the coming weeks. This will move the school to a one to one laptop ratio and put us on par with other charters. These machines were budgeted for and approved by CLCS in our summer meeting. This will be our largest purchase within the one time money provided by the state. \$78,600.00 was approved and budgeted. The actual cost is just under \$69,400.00
- These laptops are inventoried and maintained collectively. Calvin's new role in CLCS is vital as we move to one to one. If we have minor issues with the machines he is able to affordably fix them and get them back to classrooms.
- These laptops are especially exciting for facilitators. They will reliably be able to use technology as part of their lesson planning and preparation.

Science Curriculum for ACLC

- In the past few weeks ACLC has made a significant purchase in 8th grade and Earth Science Curriculum. We have not made a significant purchase in years due to the experienced facilitators and established labs and curriculum. This year we were compelled to support our newly hired team with texts and lab materials.

8th Grade Physical Science we purchased eBooks, class sets of texts and lab aids materials. 6th and 7th Earth Science we purchased eBooks, class sets of texts and lab aids materials.

Hiring Update

- Since my last hiring update to all of you last month, we have had four developments.
- Catherine Murray has been hired for our English facilitator position replacing Clara Wells. A temporary substitute had been in place for three weeks during the hiring process. Catherine has been very strong in the first weeks. We feel extremely fortunate to have found a strong facilitator in this position. Tonita is now assisting Catherine to ensure that we have strong support.
- Lynn Kameny has returned from her recovery from back surgery. She is now facilitating three ELA classes. We are very thankful to have Lynn back part time. Tonita remains in Senior Seminar and one ELA class.
- We are no longer using Kathy Ollis as a long-term PE facilitator. Randal Gory back as of December 1st. I very much appreciate Bianca Pinedo and her support of coach Gory during his return to full status.
- Our part time facilitator Barbara Davis is no longer working at ACLC. She had been covering for our eighth-grade math and geometry. There was an Ed Code violation that prompted us to end our employment of her. Henry Maisler has his 30 day credential and has been covering temporarily. He has a science and math background and is keeping the curriculum on track. Those positions are posted and we are eager to find the right fit. We are receiving a few applications. The committee had our first interview the week prior to break and more interviews will be this week.
 - We were left with a complicated grading dilemma involving some math learners at ACLC. In this case there was a violation of ed-code by Barbara Davis. We are not able to definitively know which grades, which assignments, which score were changed. After consulting with CDE and our attorney, we have decided to leave grades as they are. We are not able to definitively know which grades, which assignments, which score were changed. This solution seems to be the most fair given the situation.
 - As educators, we do holistically grade. We do exercise successful personalized scoring and differentiation. However, that was not the case in CC3 and Geometry.

Problem Solving in the CC3

Aaron, Patricia and Danny came to me Friday prior to the break with a plan to offer the CSU / UC Algebra Mathematics Readiness Test to 8th grade CC3 learners. All 8th grade CC3 learners will be offered a chance to move to Algebra in December if they take the CSU / UC Algebra Mathematics Readiness Test and test ready for Algebra. The reason they are considering this is because of this year's unique set of circumstances. ACLC will evaluate in the Spring our current plan for accelerating learners and will make revisions as appropriate as a team. We are only moving forward with this mid term revision of how we are accelerating learners because we are striving to give our learners the best we can offer in a very difficult situation.

Aaron is confident that learners who test ready for Algebra would succeed in Algebra with his support. He knows them well as they were in his classes last year. Aaron's Algebra classes are small this year, so there is room for more Algebra learners. The department is striving to create the most supportive 8th (CC3) grade year that they can, and they are confident that Aaron can support these learners should they move to Algebra. Learners who assess ready for Algebra will require a schedule changes. This could affect scheduling of Art, Spanish or English and make take some patients as we score the assessment and transition classes.

If some learners move the Algebra, it also reduces class sizes in existing CC3 classes. The new CC3 facilitator would also be able to provide more supportive curriculum and lesson plans.

November CCEF – Night of Music and Wine

- It was my pleasure to attend the CCEF benefit to support learner and parent initiatives at ACLC. CCEF (Creative Community Education Foundation) is such an incredible resource for our learners and parents. Attending this event was wonderful way to support programs such as ultimate Frisbee, poetry, photography, ACLC Free Radio, college applications and tours for learners in financial hardship, 8th Grad D.C. trip, yearbooks for all learners, multicultural night, graduation and so much more. Thanks so much to Bara Waters and Robert Cassard, Christine Kovach, and the Fund Raising Committee for creating a lovely community fundraising event last Saturday. It was a great evening. Mike Wesley at the Masonic Hall was extremely gracious to arrange for our get together.
- Learners held a kid party downstairs for younger children to ensure everybody could attend. Megan Elliot volunteered to supervise. A big thanks to Glen Cooper, who volunteered to tend bar.
- Our next event is a Chili Cook off. We hope to get the entire family out for that event. All Board members should consider themselves invited to any future event.

November PAC –Parent Action Committee

- Several times each year, PAC convenes parents and others for a casual evening in the ACLC center known as Couch Night. Sometimes we have a theme or speaker, other times we just talk about whatever people are currently thinking about. Their work also includes concussion exams, serving lunch, couch nights, enrollment sessions, healthy lunch and driving for field trips.
- The Parent Action Committee held our first couch night. This was a parent discussion in which we talked about parenting and building adult community and ACLC. It was a lovely discussion. Thank you to Anna Martin and Christine Kovach for leading the discussion.

Enrollment for ACLC

- Enrollment planning is moving forward and is on schedule. We have had two strong turnouts at information nights thus far. Things will really start to pick up with applications as we move closer to January. Mailings were sent the week prior to our scheduled information night. Thank you to

the parents and learners who have been so helpful in the process.

- Our enrollment numbers enrollment we will be adding Alameda residents at semester in grades where there is room.
- 1. In early January we will host an eighth grade family information night that will include:
 - Clarifying the high school A-G academic program for current learners
 - Historical information about the academic success of ACLC graduates
 - Presentation of Honors coursework within the high school course sequence
 - Information about the concurrent enrollment courses offered at the college and learner accounts about taking classes at COA.
 - Q and A with facilitators and learners

Eighth graders will be encouraged to shadow older learners who have college classes. We are creating an information page for the web site and information sessions that highlight high school electives. Eight grade camping trip will be moved forward in the school year.

School Culture

- **Constitutional Convention:** Coming up on November 16th we are had our annual Constitutional Convention. Some of you might be wondering what is Constitutional Convention? Constitutional Convention is a yearly event where an entire school day is dedicated to hearing input from the student body on topics about ACLC. Annually leadership choses the topics. They are generally **inside relations** (inside ACLC relations like facilitator/learner relations) outside **relation** (relations to the outside world like Wood), **environment** (how we impact the environment), **JC** (judicial committee, usually goes over rules), **space** (our new campus), **leadership** (the leadership class), **school spirit** (ACLC spirit), **academics** (our academic structure), and **democracy** (our democratic structure). After Constitutional Convention leadership will take that input and see how we can improve our school. If you have any questions about Constitutional Convention please email this email directly. This year it is associated with Spirit Week.
- **Vandalism and ACLC Bathrooms:** ACLC continues to struggle with vandalism in the boys' bathroom. It is tremendous struggle to figure out who is doing this. Learners are involved in the solution and I believe we can overcome the issue. The primary problems have occurred in stalls.

ACLC Suspension & Expulsion data

- 0 expulsions
- 4 suspensions at ACLC thus far in the 2015-16 school year. 0 learners are IEP learners.

Educator Effectiveness Funding

- ACLC = \$21,338
 - 2015-16 BTSA costs \$4000
 - Caroline, Daniel, Madeline,
 - Conferences and Workshops \$5000
 - West Ed
 - History Alive
 - CPM

- Lab Aids
 - 1v1 new facilitator coaching \$6000
 - Catherine Murray, Madeline Ewers, Danny Bradoc -----
- Total \$15,000.00

College Preparedness:

- PSAT was administered in October for juniors and some sophomores.
- Emily and Erin have made contact with a number of colleges to arrange for college representatives to visit our new site. As a result of their initiative, different colleges have come to present to our juniors and seniors.
- Early acceptances are starting to come in and it is super exciting. I will have a 4-year college acceptance rate for you in February.