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Community Learning Center Schools
Board Meeting: March 12, 2015
Executive Director Report – Patti Wilczek

Summary

- Nea granted six year accreditation!
- Career Technical Education (CTE) for Nea's Ninjas!
- ACLC Charter Renewal: An update
- Perkins Grant funding
- Discussions with AUSD
- SWOT analyses are underway
- Alameda Trail: An update
- February consultation with legal council

1. Nea granted six-year accreditation!

Nea has been granted a six-year period of accreditation from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). This extends Nea's accreditation through June of 2021, with a two-day mid-cycle visit to take place in spring 2017. The recommendations of the WASC Visiting Committee to provide Nea with an accreditation of this duration is a testament to the strength of Nea's leadership, and their commitment to implementing a rigorous plan on ongoing improvement, as well as to the integrity of the self-study process and resultant report to WASC.

I wish to offer personal thanks to everyone who was actively involved in the self-study process and report writing. This was no small task! Thank you to all of our amazing Nea facilitators, staff and administration, all of whom contributed to this effort. Special thanks go to Katie Matheson, Jana Chabre, Annahita Rad and Annalisa Moore for their leadership through the self-study. And to parents Becky Freeman, Jennifer Mullin, Pat Peterson, Caitlin Schwarzman and Shelby Sheehan, thank you for your dedication and care throughout this process. Your contribution was invaluable.

2. Career Technical Education (CTE) for Nea's Ninjas!

In case receiving a 6-year WASC accreditation weren't enough good news.....

Nea has two reasons to celebrate!!

I received word on Friday morning that the Eden Area ROP Board approved our partnership, thus allowing Nea to offer a comprehensive CTE program for its high school learners starting 2015-16.

Endless thanks specifically to Jana, Heather, Ladi, Maddy and Annalisa, and parents



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Gretchen Finer, Caitlyn Schwarzman and Becky Freeman, who all extensively collaborated on a visioning process, and ultimately determined that CTE would provide a powerful learning experience, and a rich enhancement to Nea's UV program.

Now that the creation of this partnership is confirmed, I will be meeting with AUSD staff to discuss timelines for renewing Nea's charter to reflect this addition to our program.

3. ACLC Charter Renewal: An update

Kelly Lara, Director of Student Services for AUSD will present the findings and recommendations of the charter renewal visiting team during the AUSD school board meeting on Tuesday, March 10. The meeting will be held at Encinal High School, and will start at 6:30PM in the Junior Jets area. The report from the visiting team is very positive and supportive of ACLC's program. I hope you join us on Tuesday for that presentation.

4. Perkins Grant Funding

With confirmation that Nea will move forward with CTE next year, I now will start the application process to be considered for Perkins Grant funding. There are upcoming workshops and programs that I will plug into to learn more about the application requirements and funding opportunities. It is my hope that we can use this source not only to help fund some of the CTE-related expenses, but also to help bolster our Robotics programs for both ACLC and Nea. More news to follow.

5. Discussions with AUSD

The district-retained architects were scheduled to inspect our site this past week with an eye toward providing us guidance and financial estimates for placing portables on our campus. I hope to have an update by the time of the board meeting.

6. SWOT Analyses

Thus far, both ACLC's and Nea's staff and facilitators have completed SWOT analyses, as have one group of parents/learners from each school. A second working group of Nea parents and learners will start the process the week of March 9, and I am making a final attempt to get an additional group underway for ACLC, as well. Results of all working groups will be shared with the Nea, ACLC and CLCS boards in April.

7. Alameda Trail: An update

I have reached out to the Alameda Housing Authority, as well as the Parks and Rec Department to discuss our using their parking lots (Esperanza Apartments and the soccer field lot, respectively) once the Alameda Trail is fully installed.



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8. February Legal Summary:

During the month of February, consultation with our legal firm related to matters falling into the following categories:

- Personnel
- Special Education
- Anticipated and Pending litigation
- Union negotiations
- Brown Act & the Boards