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## **Community Learning Center Schools**

**Board Meeting: November 20, 2014**

**Executive Director Report –Patti Wilczek**

### Overview

- Nea’s WASC Site Visit is this week
- ACLC’s locker installation plans finalized
- Nea’s Curriculum Committee’s visioning
- ACLC Charter submission delayed
- Overpayment of 2013-14 District Oversight fees refunded
- CLCS to become training sites for Cal State East Bay grad students
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1. Nea’s WASC site visit starts on Sunday, with the arrival of a five-person visiting committee (VC). The VC has a full schedule, which includes parent meetings, facilitator and learner discussions, classroom visits, and conversations with support staff. The culmination of their three-and-a-half days with us will be a final report to all stakeholders on Wednesday afternoon at 2:15.

2. After months of planning, and hours of discussions with architects and District staff, we have a finalized plan for locker installation for ACLC. A cement curb, to which the lockers will be bolted, will be poured over Thanksgiving holiday. The lockers will be installed over the winter break. Many thanks to ACLC parent, Ken Carvalho, for his time and persistence through this process.

3. Annalisa Moore and Jana Chabre (Chair of Nea’s Curriculum Committee) have been facilitating a months-long process of visioning for Nea. Consisting of facilitators, learners and parents, the Curriculum Committee has been examining how to differentiate Nea’s grade 6-12 program, while remaining true to the school’s vision, philosophy and values. Through this process, the group has closely researched ways in which professional work-place partnerships can be used to foster career and college readiness for all of Nea’s learners. In addition, the advantages of providing rich and meaningful opportunities for learners to develop work-place skills while enrolled in high school have been identified (e.g., greater employ-ability, advantages when applying for college, greater self-confidence). Through this work, the group has developed a proposal to bring Career Technical Education to Nea through partnerships with the College of Alameda and the Eden Area Regional Occupational Center. Their ideas will

be presented to the CLCS board during its November meeting. If there is a commitment to move forward in this direction for Nea, we continue to investigate the extent to which Nea would qualify for a Career Pathways grant -- State funds available for the implementation of professional work-place skills development programs, grades Kinder through 14.

4. ACLC's Charter renewal documents are complete, and have been approved by the ACLC and CLCS boards. Originally planning on submitting the application to AUSD on October 28, we were approached by a representative of the District, who urged us to postpone. Based upon recent District School Board discussions, during which some very negative statements regarding charter schools were expressed, it was believed that waiting a while to allow emotions to cool would be to our advantage. After careful deliberations, and consulting with a few of charter school leaders, both locally and on the State level, we agreed to postpone submission until January 13.

5. As discussed briefly during last month's board meeting, our partners at EdTec noted an error in the calculation of our 2013-14 oversight fees to the District. Once approached, the AUSD staff quickly acknowledged the miscalculation, and we will receive a refund of more than \$32k shortly.

6. We are in the final steps of creating a partnership with Cal State East Bay, one that would have ACLC and Nea become training sites for graduate students in their School Psychology and School Counselor programs. We are most excited about this opportunity, and have already received inquiries from masters-level students interested in completing their fieldwork under the supervision of our Nea and ACLC support staff.