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Executive Director Report –Patti Wilczek

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1. Nea’s public presentation before the AUSD Board on November 12, was quite successful. With parents and learners speaking in support of our school, and Maafi providing an inspiring testimony, everyone left the experience with a most positive outlook. A new feature of AUSD’s charter renewal procedure includes a 2-day site visit. We hosted a three person visiting committee this week. The committee’s examination was rigorous, and preliminary results indicate that the team was left with very favorable impressions. We will receive a copy of their suggested areas for improvement in advance of the December 10 visiting committee’s report to the AUSD School Board. The final step in this charter renewal process will be the School Board’s vote to approve during a special meeting on December 17.
2. The ACLC board-approved initiative to examine feasibility of retaining “small school” levels of enrollment continues with forward movement. Two sub-committees have been created thus far: a finance committee, and a community committee. While no substantive recommendations have been put forth to date, we will keep you updated as the work continues, as will representative learner members involved in this initiative.
3. Since last month’s CLCS Board recognition of CTA as the bargaining agent for classified and certificated employees, we have received no communication about next steps. We are currently awaiting receipt of sunshine proposals from the collective bargaining groups and/or CTA. Information will be made available as the process continues to unfold.
4. The first meeting of Alameda’s charter school leaders with the AUSD-retained architect and district leaders is scheduled for this coming week. We are pleased to be engaged in an active dialogue with the district about long-term facilities needs for the three in-district charter schools.
5. In our work with consultant Debbie Freed, focused on effective organizational management and communication, members of the leadership team will have individual meetings (either in person or via phone) with Debbie within the next two weeks. We have an administrative retreat scheduled in early December to review findings, discuss organizational strengths and areas of improvement, and to start goal setting.
6. Based upon time required for Nea’s charter renewal process, as well as the need to provide focused, active support to new facilitators, a six-month extension of Nea’s WASC self-study was requested and granted. We will host the visiting committee in November 2014, rather than in



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March, as originally scheduled. I am grateful for the additional time for self-reflection and self-examination, as well as for writing and report preparation. First meetings with Nea's to-be-constructed WASC leadership team (which will consist of facilitators, staff, parents/board members) will be scheduled for January.

7. Paul has graciously taken a substantial first pass at revising ACLC's charter, routinely required for submission to AUSD in June, and as part of the school's application for charter renewal, to be presented to the School Board in early fall 2014.

8. A review of ACLC's progress-to-date on WASC action plans will start this month, with the goal of preparing the required written report for submission to WASC by mid-spring. An ongoing process of regular review, with a minimum of semi-annual meetings of the Leadership Team, will be put into place henceforth. An identical process will be enacted for Nea upon completion of that school's upcoming accreditation site visit.