



Nea Community Learning Center

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Lead Facilitator Report

February 2013

Highlights

🍏Learners

UV Honor Roll (1st Semester):

- ⊕ 11 learners with GPA of greater than 4.0
- ★ 24 learners with GPA of 4.0
- ⊕ 36 learners with GPA of 3.5 – 3.999
- ❖ 49 learners with GPA of 3.0 – 3.499

Graduate Profiles

- All seniors are being facilitated to complete FAFSA by the March 2, 2013 deadline
- Two Nea seniors have been offered academic scholarships totaling \$36,000 to attend Mills College
- Nea seniors have been accepted to the following Colleges and universities so far:
 - San Francisco State University
 - Cal State University-Sacramento
 - University of California-San Francisco
 - Mills College

🍏School-Sites

Safety and Disaster Preparedness

- The Alameda Police Department (APD) has updated its lockdown procedures and site-training schedule. Lead facilitator attended district training re:UV. APD reps did a short presentation at PTSA meeting Feb 12, 2013.
- LV process in place and in conjunction with the Academy.
- Both UV and LV have emergency food and water supplies, and some emergency and first aid equipment.

Prop 39/Facilities re:Nea

- No substantive difference from current facility use at both sites (Paul)

🍏Facilitators

Personnel and Staffing

- The recent opening in Upper Village humanities department filled temporarily by highly experienced guest facilitator. Job posting on EdJoin has received fifteen applications, only one of which has the requisite dual credential.
- The new half-time facilitator position created mid-year to serve advanced math learners at Nea and ACLC is exclusively serving Nea learners in Summative Math, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus and Compass Intervention.

Professional Development

- January 25th, 2013, LV/UV facilitator teams explored Oakland Museum to build cross-curricular/cross-Village lessons to extend learning into community
- UV completed Chapter 2 of Ron Berger's, *An Ethic of Excellence – Building a Culture of Craftsmanship with Students*
- LV reading through Chapter 1 for discussion at next site staff meeting

🍏 Challenges:

- * **Enrollment:** Current enrollment at 505, reflecting a loss of ~19 over past 1.5 months and a gain of 4 in the past 2 weeks.
 - ◆ Review of withdrawal documents shows 93% left because of parent choice/transfer to another school; 5% because of move out of area; 2% other (personal/health related)
 - ◆ **Efforts:** a) Continue to develop and improve program and curriculum delivery so that “parent choice/transfer to another school” is more about “another school may be a better fit” than “Nea is not _____ enough”; b) refine new website so that it reflects Nea as the premier K-12 charter in the Bay Area; c) Increase Nea's community presence at events and in local periodicals
- * **Staff Morale:** On the heels of personnel changes (and details that must be kept private) as experienced by a team that is ~47% new this year.
 - ◆ Group and individual conversations held with team members to gauge support needs going forward
 - ◆ **Efforts:** a) Continued implementation of consistent observation, feedback and support cycles; b) continue to refine staff development and department collaboration time to define Nea best practices as evidenced by related deliverables; c) develop more team building and planning opportunities outside of Nea (i.e. retreats, etc.)

🍏 Nea Governing Board Report (notes from January 16 2013)

- **Discussion Items:**
 - Require that Nea seniors apply to 4-year Colleges and Universities?
 - Increase business internship hour requirement to 40 hours from 20 hours?
 - Does requiring successful completion of a college course for graduation obligate Nea to cover learner costs for the college course?
- **Action Items:**

The Nea Governing Board voted unanimously that:

 - Grades of D and F = No Credit
 - To increased graduation requirements to meet the recommended course requirements for admission:
 - ★ 4 years of College Prep Mathematics (raised from 3)
 - ★ 3 years of Language other than English (raised from 2)
 - ✓ 3 years of Laboratory Science
 - ✓ 4 years of English
 - ✓ 1 year of Economics and Government
 - ✓ 2 years of History
 - ✓ 1 college prep elective
 - ✓ 1 Visual and Performing Arts Elective