
**Community Learning Center Schools
Board Meeting: February 19, 2015
Executive Director Report – Patti Wilczek**

Summary

- ACLC Charter Renewal: Feedback from AUSD visiting team resoundingly positive
- Press Release: Annalisa Moore named Nea's new Lead Facilitator
- Career Technical Education: An update
- UC Approved Courses window opens in February
- Discussions with AUSD: An update regarding fencing and new portables
- SWOT analyses are underway
- Capital Impact Grant awarded to Nea!
- Alameda Trail: An update
- SELPA application reviewer
- Serving on a WASC Visiting Committee
- March CLCS Board meeting: Date changed
- January consultation with legal council

1. ACLC Charter Renewal: Feedback from AUSD visiting team

A three member visiting team spent two days carefully examining ACLC's program earlier this month, as part of that school's charter renewal process. Feedback received was most positive, highlighting the creative program, empowered young people, and strong school site and organizational leadership. An additional step in the renewal process included a team of ACLC parents, learners and facilitators, all of whom joined David Hoopes and I last week, for a brief presentation of the school's program to the AUSD School Board. What remains is a presentation from Kelly Lara to the School Board (March 10) and, finally the vote of that body to approve the renewal of ACLC's charter (March 24).

2. Press Release: Nea's new leader

Michele Ellson at the Alamedan picked up the press release sent announcing Annalisa Moore as Nea's new Lead Facilitator. Please see the article, which also includes the announcement of Sean mcPhetridge as AUSD's new Superintendent, linked below:

<http://thealamedan.org/news/mcphetridge-promoted-permanent-schools-supe>

3. Career Technical Education (CTE)

We are awaiting final word that Eden Area Regional Occupational Program's Board has approved our partnering with that organization to offer CTE for Nea's high school

students. As soon as that is confirmed, internal and external advertising for this unique-to-Alameda offering will begin.

4. UC Approved Courses window opens

The on-line portal to update information about Nea's and ACLC's UC approved courses opens this month, and remains open through August. School site leaders are working closely with our counselors to ensure proper and accurate reporting of our UC a-g approved courses.

5. Discussions with AUSD

Last week I met with AUSD's superintendent, CBO and head of their MOF department specifically to discuss completing our perimeter fence, and moving portables onto our site for additional classrooms, office space and restrooms.

a. Fencing:

I provided the district with a drawing of where we would like new fencing and gates placed. This plan was created in collaboration with Boys and Girls Club staff, and would allow our full campus, including BGC to be secured behind fencing. Updates will be provided as this discussion proceeds.

b. Portables

I provided district staff with a proposed plan to place refurbished portables on our site for the 2015-16 school year. The initial plan would include 5 classrooms, a portable for office/conference/meeting space, and a restroom building. We agreed that AUSD will contact the architect, asking them to walk our site and propose the best layout – one that will maximize open space, while minimizing installation expenses. Updates will be provided as this situation unfolds, as well.

6. SWOT Analyses

By the end of this week, I will have facilitated initial SWOT analyses meetings with each of one group from Nea and ACLC, as well as with ACLC staff and facilitators. Nea employees will have their SWOT meeting on February 18. I plan on running a second group of learners/parents for each school, if there is sufficient interest in my doing so. This work remains on target for review by the CLCS Board in March.

7. Nea Awarded Capital Impact Grant!

Congratulations to Nea for being awarded a \$1,200 grant from Capital Impact to help support our English Language learners. Special thanks go to CLCS Board member, Will Robison, for making me aware of this wonderful opportunity!

8. Alameda Trail: An update



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David Hoopes and I attended a meeting this week with representatives from our City Office, and received an update regarding construction of the Alameda Trail. We can anticipate that the project will be started in August, and completed by the end of the calendar year. The trail will run directly adjacent to our drive paralleling the Parkway, and will occupy the area now used for parking along that strip of land. So, while it will be of substantial benefit to our community, the payoff will be a less convenient situation for those who drive to school. In order to mitigate parking challenges for members of our community, I will be contacting the Alameda Housing Authority, as well as the Park and Recreation Department to determine if we can work out an agreement to use parking areas owned by either/both organizations. These locations would provide off-road parking about a block from campus. More to follow on this front.

9. SELPA application reviewer

In order to gain a fuller understanding of SELPA, including criterion for membership, earlier this month I accepted an invitation to review new school applications for our El Dorado Charter SELPA. This was an informative process, one that gave me a fuller sense of SELPA's decision-making processes.

10. Serving on a WASC Visiting Committee

I have been asked to serve on a WASC VC later this month. Given that WASC relies exclusively on volunteers in staffing Visiting Committees, this is an important way for all educators and administrators to give back to our professional educational community. I am, therefore, looking forward to a three-and-a-half day visit to Pleasant Grove High School in Elk Grove during the week of February 23. Helping in this way is not only a wonderful networking opportunity, it provides a chance to closely examine and provide feedback to a school program in its process of continual improvement.

11. March CLCS Board meeting date change

Please note that the March 2015 CLCS Board meeting date has been changed to March 12. The meeting will convene at 6:45. The meeting is changed to accommodate the Board's need to review the preliminary 2015-16 budget prior to approving the distribution of contracts to employees on March 16.

12. January Legal Summary:

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

- Personnel
- Special Education



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- Pending litigation
 - Union negotiations