

April 16, 2015

ADMINISTRATION

Prop 39/Co-location Update:

OCS will have one additional classroom at WESM next year. The shared use agreement outlining details of the co-location will be signed before the end of the year. OCS will work with WESM and the district to secure permission to hang an enrollment sign along Manchester for our 2015-16 enrollment season.

Mar Vista Campus Update:

During the Spring Break, when students were not present, the following campus improvements were made:

- MCF repaired the plumbing issue and all restrooms are now fully functioning.
- MCF resurfaced the grounds in the outdoor pathways with crushed granite and the campus looks amazing!
- OCS removed the carpet from the staff lounge and resurfaced the floor, painted, and attached new locking bookcases for student readers in grades 1-3 and teacher resources.
- Administration is obtaining bids to repair the Spanish church building so the kitchen, multipurpose room, office space and restrooms could potentially be utilized in the 2015-2016 school year.

Long Term Site Update:

OCS submitted an application for an LAUSD augmentation grant to supplement our 1D award. Unfortunately, the school did not receive the minimum number of points to be awarded a grant. The district gave uncertainty of site acquisition costs and construction costs that may be too low as the reasons. The positive news is we can reapply. The OCS team will have an opportunity to meet and review the submitted application with LAUSD staff prior to reapplying.

Enrollment Update:

2014-15 Enrollment as of April 13, 2015 is 464. In March, we lost a total of 5 students due to 3 student moves out of state and 2 student transfers to another school that offers both a middle and high school program. The projected enrollment in the approved budget is 471. Offers are pending that will hopefully close the gap in enrollment and funding.

Annual LAUSD Performance Review and Oversight Visit:

The district team conducted the annual performance review and oversight visit of Ocean Charter School on March 24th. A team of four LAUSD staff members spent the day at the school interviewing administration, reviewing the documents contained in multiple binders prepared by administration and visiting classrooms on the Mar Vista and Westchester campuses. To support the success of charter

schools, the Charter Schools Division (CSD) observes and monitors school performance in accordance with state and federal law, District policy, and the school's charter. In accordance with California Education Code, the visit focuses on charter school performance in the following four categories:

- ✓ Category I: Governance
- ✓ Category II: Student Achievement and Educational Performance
- ✓ Category III: Organizational Management and Operations
- ✓ Category IV: Fiscal Operations

LAUSD staff will submit a report in June including scores between 1-4, based on a rubric in each of the categories regarding the outcome of the annual performance review and oversight visit.

Initial feedback offered at the time of the visit noted praise for fulfillment of the charter, particularly the safe and warm school environment. Concern was raised over the fact that OCS did not meet our goal of a 3% increase in non-white students for the 2014-15 school year. The Diversity Committee, administration and the board are reviewing what steps must be taken to ensure sufficient progress is made in future years in the diversity of our enrolled student body.

2015-2016 Board meeting dates:

The following Board meetings dates were included in the approved calendar:

August 20th
September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd
January 7th
February 4th
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th
June 2nd

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CAASSP Testing 2015:

OCS has received the iPads from the district. Students in grades 3-8 will have access to them starting this week (assuming students have returned their use agreements). Students in 3rd grade will continue to use the Chrome books and laptops for testing and typing lessons.

STAR Science testing for grades 5 and 8 will begin at the end of this month, prior to SBAC testing.

While the school will not receive an API score this year, students will receive individual score reports that will be shared with parents and kept in their files.

Ongoing Progress Monitoring:

Until the CAASSP practice tests were available for faculty to use with students this year, teachers used the Easy CBM assessments in ELA and Math to track student progress in both content areas. These results informed instruction as teachers guided their students through their grade level common core standards.

In order to be able to efficiently analyze test data on a school-wide basis, OCS will upgrade our agreement with EasyCBM for next school year. This school-wide information is key to tracking our school's progress over time, and as data for charter renewal.

Environmental Stewardship:

Beach Clean-A-Thon

Our community service event will take place on April 29th at the Playa Del Rey beach. Heal the Bay is making presentations this week for our students in preparation for their beach-cleaning work. These presentations will offer developmentally appropriate information about our local watershed and what we can do as environmental stewards to keep it clean.

Diversity Update:

Given that OCS did not meet our annual goal for this school year of increasing our diversity by 3%, the OCS Diversity Committee and administration recommend the following steps to increase the diversity of our student body in the coming years:

- 1) Increase the number of tours in Spanish and English
- 2) Hire an outreach consultant to specifically focus on our outreach efforts
- 3) Engage the district directly to increase signage at WESM along Manchester Blvd.
- 4) Place an advertisement in a local newspaper that targets the local Spanish-speaking population
- 5) Continue to add target sites to our outreach list of early childhood and preschool programs
- 6) Recruit additional members to the committee to support outreach efforts
- 7) Continue to supplement staff time for the purposes of conducting outreach and monitoring efforts and effectiveness