

Directors' Report August 8, 2013

ADMINISTRATION

Strategic Plan Update:

The administration incorporated Board member suggestions to the draft Strategic Plan that was presented at the June Board meeting. The updated Strategic Plan is attached for Board review.

Campus Update:

Summer Move(s), repairs, organization, and painting:

The summer was filled with multiple moves of OSC property (furniture, books, trees, plants) first from Playa Vista to Mar Vista campus, then from Mar Vista to the new Westchester campus. While there is still much work to be done to prepare both campuses for the first day of school, we are very satisfied with the state of readiness overall. Thanks to an efficient team, our facilities are more prepared for the coming year than in previous years. Finally, we wish to thank First Citizen's bank for their generous donation of furniture, including tables, chairs, bookcases and office supplies that were moved from the branch in Torrance to both campuses.

Site Update:

Campus Names and Grade Levels:

With our relocation and reconfiguration of the campuses, some renaming is required. With pleasure, we introduce you to Ocean Charter School's two campuses, **Mar Vista Campus** and our new Prop 39 campus, the **Westchester Campus**. OCS now has its MV site and its WC site! Kindergarten through third grade will attend the Mar Vista Campus and fourth through eighth grade will attend the Westchester Campus.

Marina Church Lease:

After consulting with legal, the administration negotiated a new three-year lease with Marina Christian Fellowship.

Prop 39/Co-location Update:

Relationship:

Thus far, OCS staff has received a warm welcome at our new Westchester home. From Principal Carr to our custodian, Mr. Madrigal, the tone has been welcoming, helpful, and warm. Administration looks forward to further nurturing this positive relationship.

Technology:

- 1.) Administration continues to work with the district staff, outside providers, and IT consultant to configure the new site for phone and Internet access. The WC site phone number will be shared with the community as soon as we have it.
- 2.) As part of our co-location experience, OCS will be involved in the district's Common Core Technology Project, Phase 1. The information we have received thus far indicates that all site faculty and administration will need to participate in an iPad training that includes how to use the device as well as curricular ideas on integrating technology. After the training, every teacher and administrator will be issued an iPad and iPads will be issued for every student at that site. Within the next couple years, all students in CA will be expected to take their standardized tests on computers. This effort by the district

is to address that reality and to address the technology strand within the new Common Core Standards. OCS faculty and administration will continue the work we began last year of examining how we can mindfully integrate technology into our Waldorf-based curriculum.

Long Term Site Update:

The Administrative Site Task Force continues to aggressively search for potential site possibilities. The task force will present a detailed report at the next board meeting in closed session due to the nature of property negotiations.

Lunch Program Update:

From our lunch program coordinator, Andrea Reibsamen-June:

46 students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

36 students participated.

Between 66 and 109 lunches (paid and F & R) were served a day.

Two people are necessary to serve and record service for each campus.

Wednesdays, early dismissal days have the lowest number lunches served.

Budget Update:

Thanks to a growth in funding due to a new funding formula, OCS has been able to begin restoring some of its programs that have been cut in previous years due to budget cuts. This year, we are happy to bring back Handwork for all 1st-8th grade students as well as Strings for our 4th grade students. Additionally, in order to further our efforts to restore key programs, we have been able to allocate funds for a Director of Development position that will enable the school to pursue long-term financial sustainability.

District Charter Leaders Collaborative:

OCS administration was invited to participate in LAUSD's charter leaders' collaborative group. The first meeting was held in July and was attended by roughly 15 charter leaders and 10 district staff from the Division of Charter Schools. The collaborative group reviewed draft language going before the LAUSD school board during their August board meeting concerning material revisions to charters. The administration looks forward to deepening our communication with the district and fellow charter leaders.