

Charter Council Update

Hello YRCS Families,

Charter Council had an informative and successful retreat on the weekend of September 24th. A BIG THANK YOU to Patricia Montijo for allowing us to use her beautiful home for our retreat as well as prepare and serve all our meals. We felt very nurtured and cared for over the two days.

Our full agenda included an in-depth look at school finance, our school financial overview, discussion of our role on the board, overview of CC bylaws, self-assessment exercise, Dewitt Jones presentations, recruitment for CC and a combined meeting with a few members of the Ed Foundation to discuss a long-term strategic plan for our school.

The CC has three openings for community members (members outside our school community) and we identified that areas of expertise that could benefit the council are: Banking/Investment , Business/Corporate, Communications/Marketing, Law, Develops Programs/Activities, Strategic or Long-Range Planning, Political Contacts, Financial Management, Non-Profit Governance, and Personnel and Organizational Management. If you know of individuals that have experience in any of these positions and would like to be a part of the Charter Council, please contact Caleb Buckley or Torrie Mudd.

The Charter Council is enthusiastic about a Strategic Planning process focused on the school as a whole, and is committed to make it happen. The CC will spearhead the process, with the help of other school committee groups (a few members of Ed Foundation, Faculty and Parent Council) and Kateri Harrison will facilitate.

The process requires 16 hours of meetings scheduled around mid January and a steering committee made up of Torrie Mudd, Caleb Buckley, Kateri Harrison, and Gary Gardner will do the groundwork to prepare the meetings.

We will be developing an easy online survey so that parents can let us know about issues they'd like to see addressed in the Strategic Planning process. The survey will be launched by November 8, a week before parent conferences.

The committee participants will place great emphasis on communicating the process and results with the entire school community. The results of the process will be made widely available, and perhaps presented to the school community at a special meeting after the process is finished.

Many "to do's" will result from the plan and we are hopeful that our school community will be excited and willing to assist in making our future goals a reality.

Respectfully Yours,

Torrie Mudd, Charter Council Chair