

High School Planning Process

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Why a High School:

At the July Public meeting, the Board asked me to present a possible draft charter by the December board meeting. The Board felt this was important for 3 primary reasons:

1. There are no high performing, diverse, constructivist high schools in our neighborhood for our students to attend
2. Our ability to remain diverse at all grade levels is maximized if we can promise a complete path to college
3. In order to more powerfully transform public education in LA and across the country, we want to be able to demonstrate that our model can work at all grade levels

To date

We have hired an outside consultant, Kate Sobel (former principal at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy) to draft our material revision. As a reminder, a charter is the governing document which allows us to operate, not the full encapsulation of everything we will be. As such it represents our most basic best thinking at the time of drafting. Once approved, we build off our charter, leveraging the strengths, talents, and interests of our students, teachers, parents, and leaders to build the best school possible.

Timeline

September – December 2010	January – June 2011	July – December 2011	January – June 2012	July – September 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire consultant to draft material revision (DONE) • Solicit initial round of feedback from school leaders • Develop financial models • Draft a charter that is inclusive of school leader, board, and financial feedback • Approve charter submission at December 7 board meeting for submission to LAUSD in December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin focus groups with teachers, parents, and students about what type of educational program they want • Identify staff member with high school experience who can support us through the HS development process • Shepherd charter through approval process to be approved by June 2011 • Identify and secure HS site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize anything necessary to secure HS Site • Kick off search for permanent High School AP inclusive of parent, teacher, and student input • Begin developing site • Develop and kick off recruitment plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire HS Assistant Principal • Develop education program more fully and conduct second round of focus groups with parents, teachers, and students • Develop site • Interview and extend offers to teachers • Finalize recruitment campaign and conduct lottery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize site • Bring teachers on board • Finalize school year preparations

