

## Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee

Friday, Jan. 19, 2018

Pursuant to duly given notice, a meeting of the Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee was held at Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday, Jan. 19.

### *Attendees Present:*

**Tom Gilder**, Head of School, Windward School

**Dawn Barrett**, Director of Institutional Advancement and Operations, Windward School

**Len Nguyen**, Senior Field Deputy for Councilmember Mike Bonin

**Rob Kadota**, Chair, Mar Vista Community Council

**Paola Cervantes**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Mar Vista Community Council

**Elliot Hanna, Community Director**, Mar Vista Community Council

**Nanette Pastor-Hanna**, President of MV Neighborhood Association

**Hiliana Gomez**, Administrative Coordinator to the Advancement Department

The purpose of the Windward/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee meetings is to continue to identify ways in which members of the Windward School community can work together with local neighborhood associations and the Mar Vista Community Council to support the Mar Vista community. The agenda usually covers sharing community updates and neighborhood concerns from committee members, a School update, communication issues, opportunities for coordinated action/community projects/committee discussion, and new business.

**10 a.m.** Meeting began in Tom Gilder's office on the Windward campus.

Brief updates were presented from Rob Kadota, Paola Cervantes, Elliot Hanna, Nanette Pastor-Hanna, and Len Nguyen. Below are the items discussed:

- MVCC Chair, Rob Kadota—Mar Vista Community Council—shared Mar Vista's current changes to the Board. Newly appointed Chuck Ray—1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Paola Cervantes—2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Elliot Hanna—Mar Vista Community Director. Nanette Pastor-Hanna remains President of Mar Vista Neighborhood Association. Rob also shared heavy community concerns on traffic issues in Mar Vista.
- Len Nguyen, Senior Field Deputy noted his promotion—now the Planning Deputy for Mar Vista & West L.A., Councilmember Mike Bonin. He noted his replacement will be Hannah Levien.
- Paola Cervantes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Mar Vista Community Council asked about Windward possibly funding a heater for the Mar Vista pool. Tom Gilder shares that Windward wants to support the Community and with the Los Angeles 2024 Olympics, it might be a good time to look at sustainable business models and partnerships that could remodel the facility.

- Nanette Pastor-Hanna, President of Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, invited Windward School to the MVNA Annual Community Forum on January 25 at 6:30 p.m. and MVNA Sweetheart Charity Drive. These events will have opportunities for Windward students to participate in community service, volunteer to tutor, and mentor and work with children less privileged. This invite has been passed on to Ashley Webster, Director of Service and Social Entrepreneurship.

Tom Gilder discussed Windward's Strategic Plan for 2017-18, focusing on the following nine goals:

- Goal 1: Core Competencies
- Goal 2: Community Well-Being
- Goal 3: Faculty, Staff, and Administration
- Goal 4: Curriculum and Instruction
- Goal 5: Windward Identity
- Goal 6: Diversity and Inclusivity
- Goal 7: Connections and Relations
- Goal 8: Our Campus
- Goal 9: Institutional Advancement

Mr. Gilder shared the most recent Master Plan and noted that outreach to community members (including neighbors) was taken into consideration.

Ms. Barrett noted that Windward continues to be actively engaged in the Mar Vista community through distribution of a quarterly newsletter, hosting events, summer camp programs, and partnering with local schools.

**11:15 a.m.** Meeting adjourned