

## **Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee Monday, May 22, 2017**

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 Monday, May 22.

*Present at the meeting were the following:*

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

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

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

**Greg Castelnovo-Tedesco**, Zone 4 Director, Mar Vista Community Council

**Rob Kadota**, Chair, Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors

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.

**9:00 a.m.** Meeting began in Tom Gilder's office on the Windward campus. Tom welcomed all present.

Brief updates were presented from Rob Kadota, Greg Castelnovo-Tedesco, and Len Nguyen. Below are the items discussed:

- An update on the Bike Mar Vista Committee Meet Up. Primary focus is on cycling safety and Vision Zero.
- Planning and Land Use Committee. Recent concern over seven-story building proposal on Venice Blvd.
- Mar Vista City 90th Celebration—March 27
- Aging in Place Committee—desire to Livestream their meetings
- Homeless Committee—using a passionate approach and city funding to support housing
- Quarterly Art Walk—need volunteers on June 1

**Tom Gilder** noted we recently completed a new Strategic plan and Goal #8: Our Campus addresses the guiding questions, "How can Windward best refine and execute its Master Plan in support of our programmatic goals and our aspirations for our students?" Mr. Gilder shared we currently use every classroom and our original main building has aged. A preliminary Master Plan was shared with the committee for initial feedback. Mr. Gilder assured the group that the next steps would involve bringing in neighbors to provide their feedback. The goal is to provide multiple avenues for transparency and discussion.

Additionally, Mr. Gilder reiterated that our recent steps to improve neighbor relations have been focused on improving traffic flow and monitoring student parking. Windward School has engaged a transportation consultant to provide the School with a traffic assessment and recommendations for

improvements. The School plans to move forward with several of its recommendations and will continue to implement others in the near future.

**Ms. Barrett** noted that Windward continues to be actively engaged in the Mar Vista community through our quarterly newsletter, hosting events, and partnering with local schools. Most recently, Windward has:

- Partnered with Grand View Blvd. Elementary for Big Sunday (May 7)—painting, planting, and beautifying the learning spaces in the yard
- Teamed with Mar Vista Aging in Place to pilot an after-school technology assistance for older committee members of our community
- Upcoming Summer Camps—open to the community to participate

**10:15 a.m.** Meeting adjourned