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**School Site Council (SSC)**  
**5:30-7:00p, November 20, 2024**

**Attendees:** Charlotte Pickett, Tiffany Mease, Ryan Weidmann, Quinn Forrester-Wamsley, Emilia Theobald, Samantha Olmos, Jon Zuckerman

| Topic                       | Time  |
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| Introduction                | 5:30-5:40 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome, Overview of Agenda</li><li>• Norms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Keep in mind learner, staff, and family voices not in the room</li><li>○ Embrace life long learning. How can I take this deeper? Or How am I applying in practice what I already know?</li><li>○ Notice patterns of participation (take space, make space); be aware of the space you take up. Be present in the ways that you would like your learners to be present</li><li>○ Embrace vulnerability. Accept discomfort as necessary for social justice growth</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| Assigned Roles              | 5:40-5:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assignment of Roles (Timekeeper, Notetaker)</li></ul>   |
| Ice Breaker                 | 5:45-6:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reintroduce yourself:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What is your name and something that you are thankful for within the Nea community?</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| Learner/Facilitator Updates | 6:00-6:15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learner Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○</li></ul></li><li>• Leadership Facilitator Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Decided to pool money and directly by gifts off of the list for learners in need.</li><li>○ Learners are interested in hosting a latin american cultural fair (7th/8th graders).</li><li>○ Green Bazaar - Quinn would like learners to be involved</li><li>○ Learners are fundraiser focused and will wrap the gifts</li><li>○ <b>Next year at the Halloween Parade would be a great opportunity for fundraising (coffee and donuts)</b></li></ul></li></ul> |

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|                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Food at Expo Night this year</li> <li>○ All Good Living - could be good to have learners connect with this organization</li> <li>○ <b>Is there a way to have a credit card/venmo option for fundraising? - Charlotte will follow up with this.</b></li> </ul>  |
| <p>Discussion Items</p> | <p>6:15-6:55</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learner recruitment &amp; retention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ideas about how to recruit new families to Nea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 5th and 6th grade is the biggest drop off point.</li> <li>■ What is the “elevator pitch” for why families should stay here for middle school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kids thrive with connection and community, it is good for them to be in this intense time with people they know. Leadership opportunities. Flexibility. Works well for self starters. A lot of advising, connection, accountability.</li> <li>● Is there an exit survey for families that leave?</li> <li>● What is ACLC retention like?</li> <li>● Flyers, social media, we won Best of Alameda, we got great WASC feedback</li> <li>● 70% of people enrolled in this school it’s based on word of mouth</li> <li>● What are we doing to capture stories?</li> <li>● Can we post quotes/videos on the website?</li> <li>● More swag for purchase for all! Swag for field trips.</li> <li>● Can we think of a way to get school community members to talk directly with parents–<b>a family ambassador.</b></li> <li>● Is the WASC report public?</li> <li>● How can we communicate/befriend preschools? Can we do an info night at a preschool? Can for parents give testimony?</li> <li>● Parent/Student panels at tours! 8th grader ambassadors. Split half and half.</li> <li>● Self guided tour?</li> <li>● Will the commercial be in the movie theater?</li> <li>● Family game night? Invite prospective families to school events (Spooktacuar, Steam etc.) Can we get their info and follow up with them after?</li> <li>● Panel discussion film it and people can watch it online.</li> <li>● How do we stress that it is amazing to stay in a small school and then transition to a big high school?? Stress the rigor component.</li> <li>● TK recruitment: aftercare is affordable, and available – we can use this to our advantage and communicate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|         | <p style="text-align: center;">more proactively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Family Survey</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do these questions get at data that we want to know?</li> <li>○ What tweaks would we like to make?</li> <li>○ What questions would you like to add? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Why did you choose Nea for your learners? (open ended question) can be used for recruitment.</li> <li>■ <b>Suggestion: Have a computer out at Expo Night for families to fill out survey and offer an immediate reward( a lollipop? sticker? )</b></li> <li>■ Why aren't people filling out the survey?</li> <li>■ Could we prioritize 5 to 7 questions.</li> <li>■ Ask people if they are interested in a testimonial on the survey.</li> <li>■ What happens with data once we have it?</li> <li>■ Can we communicate where the data is going?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Closing | <p>6:45-7:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nea won best school in Alameda!</li> <li>○ WASC visit strengths: strong collaboration between family and school, strong emphasis on whole child, dedicated leadership, teachers and staff focused on the individual</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Appreciations</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting on 1/22/25</p>  |