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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 3

Date: Nov 16, 2026

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PVSchools held its third Strategic Planning Committee meeting on November 16, 2026, bringing together committee members representing Parents (UPC), Classified Staff (PVSEA), Certified Staff (PVEA), Principals (PVP), and Central Office (COA) alongside district facilitators.

Key Work and Outcomes:

- Mission Statement: The committee evaluated options for refining and potentially combining draft mission statements proposed at the last meeting, testing proposals against key criteria including clarity and whether the statement is unique to distinguish PVSchools. After much discussion, committee members determined that one of the initial mission statements proposed best captures our PVSchools purpose. By consensus, the committee approved mission statement 2, to be shared at a future Governing Board study session.
- Visioning: Members engaged in table group reflections to evaluate the district's vision against community survey feedback, identifying essential elements to retain and emerging priorities to expand. This work will continue next meeting.
- Core Values: Committee members analyzed recent survey results and discussed what values would need to be in place to achieve the success indicated in proposed mission and vision statements – identifying key ideas to prioritize in either the vision or core values, prior to finalizing. This work will continue at meeting 4, with committee members drafting core definitions and behavioral commitments specific to each core value.
- Strategic Pillars Framework: Groups aligned current strategic goals and leadership priorities to build 4 comprehensive, action-oriented strategic pillars that will anchor district planning and resource allocation.
- Portrait of a Graduate Updates: Facilitators shared plans to incorporate student leadership and community insights to begin to update the district's Portrait of a Graduate during the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

To wrap up, committee members provided structured exit feedback to guide preparation for upcoming meetings. The next Strategic Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.