

**COMMUNITY MEETING 12/17/09
HIGHLANDS/FOOTHILL ATTENDANCE AREA
FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL**

HIGHLANDS/LARCHMONT

- How is information being communicated to Highlands area parents and students regarding the program enhancements? (Before open enrollment) (Re open enrollment period)
- How do parents know their children are safe?
- What happens to students that wish to change their pathway during their time at HAAD?
- Support for choice of school/will transport to schools.
- Strong sports program at Highlands High - competitive programs.
- Return strong band program.
- Return Drivers Ed program/forcing use of public transportation.
- More public transit access to High School students (bus system).
- What programs are being developed for students with special needs?
- What is TRUSD vision for Special Education program?

LARCHMONT

- Safety for walking students to relocated schools. Note: Parent feels current year safety at Highland High improving.
- Why did Larchmont not remain on list of schools for remodeling?
- Why are current building/playground safety issues at Larchmont not being addressed?

- Can Larchmont become a K-8 school with additional portable classrooms?
- Continuity - safety - security - alignment increased ownership of education by parents.
- Lack of representation of Latino/Eastern Europe in high schools and minimal at elementary level. Lacking in school district (TRUSD) culture. (Two way immersion program start at elementary level).
- Why is there no charter teacher or parent on a committee that affects CCAA and Eastside and Westside Charter? If parents want a smaller school why make it bigger? If a program is working why change it? Ex. CCAA, Westside/Eastside Charter.
- Is there any way that 8th grade schools can host a High School introduction meeting where all of the school options are introduced? These meetings would need to be held BEFORE open enrollment. What are some of the plans for our disabled students at the Jr. High and High Schools? In regards to Larchmont will the SFAC take into consideration the information presented at the Board Meeting about the safety of our kids from predators and other such dangers? What do I need to do to recommend that Larchmont become a K-8?

CCAA & IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHLANDS

- CCAA (T) should be able to have their (S) attend CCAA just like other schools - how charter is written.
- Shouldn't you focus on fixing the high schools in Twin Rivers? They are a mess. Highlands does not want CCAA there. Not a good idea. Foothill might be better. Why not start a High School with CCAA and Westside and Eastside students?

PARENT CONCERNS/HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

- How can HAAD improve?
 - Program - True Performing HS
 - Parent participation increase
 - Call/rename it Highlands High School
- How can our High School also offer college units/credits?
- Address Parent Concerns:
 - Gangs at High Schools
 - Safety
 - More programs for High School (S)
 - Perception High Schools don't prepare for college
 - Minimum standard (S) grad to go to college
 - How to build community in schools/neighborhood
 - Need arts/music back in schools
 - How to make us one true district - no longer four
 - Music/art pathway start K through 12
 - Nutrition/breakfast lunch salad bars

CCAA

1. Moving 7th and 8th grade could change school.
2. Small children close to the older students.
3. Like small K-8 feel.
4. Develop other K-8 programs.
5. CCAA and Westside Prep Charter Schools could be good models.
6. Could you just start a 7-12 without moving the current 7-8 graders?
7. Move the 7th/8th graders but then do not move them after that.
8. Why move to D.J. - Can't we just move to Highlands? K-12; or D.J. - Elementary, Highlands 7-12.
9. Will we have the same interest if it is a K-12 program?
10. Keep all the students together K-12.
11. Add 10 to 7,8,9.
12. Prior students would like to attend a 9-12 CCAA program.
13. Use the WPCS as the foundation for the 9-12 program.
14. Combine WPCS/CCAA K-12 at Highlands.
15. Parents, families want quality programs, otherwise students leave this district.
16. We selected CCAA for the programs.
17. K-8 was/is attractive for student leadership development.
18. More supervision for K-8. Students can mentor and role model for each other.
19. Dedicated, caring teachers (staff).

20. Experience in specialized areas. No specialized options for 8th grade CCAA graduates.
21. If CCAA was not to go to D.J. or Highlands, where would CCAA go?
22. Will the application process remain the same? (Should be part of Charter and Bylaws requirements). Teachers should follow the same hiring process as the current CCAA staff.
23. Some parents are selecting home schooling, independent study or moving out of the district.
24. I won't have my 8th grader attend Highlands. My oldest son graduated from Highlands in 2007 and I was extremely disappointed.
25. If we moved to D.J. CCAA should have the entire campus (safety concerns).
26. School should be accessible from grade to grade. (Proximity of locations, Highlands, D.J., Hillsdale, Allison create community feel).
27. Concern that it could get too big.
28. The Rio Linda District felt like a family like CCAA, sometimes it isn't about size.
29. Will CCAA parents send their children to the D.J. campus? Could we send a survey to CCAA parents?
30. Will there be enough resources for drama, music teachers right away, etc.?
31. Having one K-12 campus would help with resource allocation i.e. staffing.
32. CCAA needs more room, bigger facility.
33. Recognize the academic achievement of CCAA.
34. Make all junior highs charters first then add the high schools.
35. CCAA could assist in improving high school academic achievement.

36. CCAA produces students who are well-prepared.
37. Need 9-12 option for CCAA families.
38. Could families choose which high school or junior high to attend?
39. How many of the current 7th/8th graders at HAAD would be interested in attending CCAA 7-12?
40. Ask Highlands HAAD 9th/10th graders would they want to attend CCAA.
41. It's really sad to have families leave the district at 8th grade.
42. More Options in between preparatory fine arts and accelerate program.
43. Follow Charter and petition bylaws.
44. Is there contract language or some means to make sure staff understand the importance of communication with parents?
45. Prep time!
46. How would exploratories or electives work in the 7-12?
47. If there is a decision and the CCAA community doesn't agree, what then?
48. Who would help facilitate the building, development of the 7-12 program? Or K-12 program? CCAA.
49. Can we start now? There are a lot of parents like me that want this choice. Need a 9th grade choice.
50. Parents want K-8 campuses - why break apart CCAA? Why not create another K-8 charter? Why not open up a high school charter at a site where it might be accepted (Foothill H.S.)?