

As many of you know, Dixie Canyon is an affiliated charter. That means we are a part of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), which supplies most of our school budget. But we also have a Charter Governance Council, which is made up of Dixie parents, teachers, and school staff. The Dixie Canyon Charter Governance Council has the authority to make some decisions about how our school is run, and it oversees a budget of its own that helps pay for things like our school librarian and our P.E. coach.

Here are just some of the things that Charter Governance did to help our school this past year:

- Purchased 36 brand new laptops and a laptop cart for the school out of the Charter budget – enough for a whole class to use at the same time.
- Provided a budget for each classroom to spend on educational software for use in class.
- Provided funds out of the Charter budget to pay for two days of Coach Nick salary so that we can have P.E. every day of the week (the PTA pays for 2 more days, and the district pays for one day).
- Provided funds for Ms. Franny, the school librarian, to be at our school full time. This is an improvement over the past several years, when we only had a librarian part-time.
- Provided funds so that Dixie could hire a PSA counselor one day a week to help with attendance issues.
- Helped pay for buses for field trips, so that every class can take a field trip.
- Made changes to the school calendar.
- And a whole lot more!

Dixie Canyon Elementary became an affiliated charter almost five years ago. This spring, we will begin the process of renewing our Charter with the district for the next 5 years. That process will involve laying out our goals for improving Dixie and how we aim to achieve them.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Asst. Principal Gloria Yniguez at ghy4258@lausd.net

Or just come to a meeting! The Charter Governance Council meets next at 2:45pm in the library on February 23, 2016.

You can also join one of the Charter Committees (the Budget Committee, the School Safety Committee, the Technology Committee, and the Curriculum Committee) which each focuses an important aspect of the school. The Committees will all meet next on March 15, 2016.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to get involved. Again, just contact Ms. Yniguez for more information.

If you want to help make decisions that really impact Dixie Canyon, joining the Charter Governance Council or one of the Charter Committees is a great way to do it!

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

Scott Sonneborn,
Charter Governance Secretary
(And parent of William and Ben)