

PALY WASC NEWSLETTER

*A REVIEW OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE
AND A PREVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE GOING!*



Palo Alto High School in the fall

FUTURE WASC MEETING DATES:

1/16/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 1/30/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 2/13/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 2/27/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 3/06/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 3/20/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 4/17/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM
 5/01/14 – STAFF – 2:30 PM

January – May 2014
 One Parent Group meeting per
 month – TBD

January – May 2014
 One Student Group lunch meeting
 per month - TBD

We have really done a lot over the course of the **fall 2013** semester! We began with our first Staff WASC meeting in August talking about WASC in general and what our WASC work will look like for the next two years. We also did some amusing things, like explaining the “Staff Song,” a fun way we open all Staff WASC meetings, as well as a large brainstorm of all the great work we do here at Paly! Go Vikings!

The teachers and staff then developed a set of **Norms** that we will use for all our WASC work. These Norms are going to help us work to our best potential while respecting each other and the important process ahead of us. Remember to keep these Norms in mind! It is a great document!

Teachers learned about **Focus Groups**. The Focus Groups are still a work in progress, but they will go live second semester!

Teachers also spent a great deal of time reviewing the **2009 WASC report**. As departments (Home Groups) teachers outlined what progress departments have made, remaining areas of work, as well as any questions that may still exist.

The first **Parent** and **Student Home Groups** will meet soon and they will start to learn about WASC. Thank you to our parent and student volunteers for their time and commitment to the Paly WASC process! We are very happy to have you involved!

Finally, looking toward **next semester** we will focus on three words... **data, data, DATA!** In 3rd quarter we will be gathering many different types of data, including “hard” data (e.g. standardized tests) and “soft” data (e.g. surveys and interviews). Then, in 4th quarter, we will have time to analyze our data in Focus Groups.

Spring semester 2014 is going to be really exciting. I’m looking forward to continuing our WASC work together! Please contact me if I can be of service!

Thanks for all you do and see you soon!

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