Pursuant to duly given notice, a meeting of the Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee was held via Zoom on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

**Attendees Present:**

**Tom Gilder,** *Head of School, Windward School*

**Dawn Barrett,** *Chief Operating Officer, Windward School*

**Lindsay Flacks,** *Director of Risk Management & Infrastructure, Windward School*

**Robert Watkins,** *Mar Vista Community Council, Zone 4 Director*

**Martin Rubin,** *Mar Vista Community Council, Zone 2 Director*

**Dave Jensen,** *Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, President*

**Kathryn Wheeler,** Mar Vista Community Council Chair, Zone 4, Community Director

**Sue Hirschkoff,** *Mar Vista Neighborhood Association*

**Not in Attendance:** Jerry Hornof, *Westdale Homeowners Association, President* and Vashesh Anand, *Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy Mar Vista & Del Rey.*

The purpose of the Windward/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee meetings is to continue to identify ways in which members of the Windward School community can work together with local neighborhood associations and the Mar Vista Community Council to support the Mar Vista community. The agenda usually covers sharing community updates and neighborhood concerns from committee members, a school update, communication issues, opportunities for coordinated action/community projects/committee discussion, and new business.

**10:00 a.m.** Meeting began via Zoom due to ongoing pandemic protocols.

Brief updated were presented from the following individuals:

- **Robert Watkins,** *Mar Vista Community Council, Zone 4 Director* - noted he has stepped down as the Zone 4 Director and should be replaced shortly due to a residence move that is no longer in the district. His focus has been on the homeless community within the Mar Vista neighborhood and he is confident that several other representatives will step in to continue his efforts.

- **Martin Rubin,** *Mar Vista Community Council, Zone 2 Director* - noted conditions within his district remain status quo with the focus on homeless encampments and traffic congestion.

- **Dave Jensen,** *Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, President.* This was Dave’s first meeting, and he was welcomed by the group. Dave shared his mission, which is creating neighbor connections. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made in-person connections difficult, but they
have been able to have some wine and cheese driveway meetups. He inquired about possibly using the Windward gym for their upcoming annual January meeting. Windward is willing to host as long as all attendees follow current school Covid protocols.

- **Kathryn Wheeler**, Mar Vista Community Council Chair, Zone 4, Community Director - discussed the efforts to work with the LA Park Foundation on their wish list items and noted the efforts to improve the safety surrounding the homeless currently taking up residence at Mar Vista Park.

- **Sue Hirschkoff**, *Mar Vista Neighborhood Association* - shared the most recent Mar Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter, which was just released.

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**Tom Gilder, Head of School, Windward School** - gave the following updates:

- All students are back on campus for the first time since the pandemic began.
- Our primary goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy. The faculty, staff, and students are 98% vaccinated. We require daily health screenings and perform on site weekly PCR testing as added measures to ensure the safety of our community.
- We are in the final stages of completing construction of the new Academic Hub along Palms Blvd. The building should be finished in early November.
- We’ve added two new buses to our morning and afternoon drop off and pick to mitigate the amount of trips to the School. As always, we encourage neighbors with any traffic or parking concerns to reach out to the School right away so we can address the matters.

**Dawn Barrett, Chief Operating Officer, Windward School** noted the School is still successfully offering Service Learning programs to local neighborhood schools even though we cannot bring younger students on campus at this time. The School has found a model that allows for participating public schools to pick up kits and participate in online programming. This model has been incredibly well received and will likely continue in some form even after we can return younger students to campus.

**Lindsay Flacks, Director of Risk Management & Infrastructure, Windward School** shared that this is truly a partnership between our neighbors and the School and thanked everyone for their efforts to work together.

**10:45 a.m. - Meeting Adjourned**