PARENT FOCUS GROUPS
AUGUST 28, 2014
COMMON THEMES

STRENGTHS:
- QUALITY OF STUDENTS
- INVOLVEMENT OF THE PARENTS
- HIGH REPUTATION OF THE SCHOOL
- THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO STUDENTS
- QUALITY OF ACADEMICS—IT IS IMPROVING
- STUDENTS ARE FOCUSED AND CHALLENGED
- PROFESSIONAL TALENTED TEACHERS THAT ARE HIRED TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS
- CURRICULAR FACULTY THAT ARE SYMPATHETIC OF THE STUDENTS’ WORK LOADS
- THE FOUNDATION
- THE SMALL SIZE OF THE SCHOOL
- THE MANY OPTIONS STUDENTS HAVE FOR SELECTION
- THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY
- THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SENIORS WHO HELP NEWCOMERS TO THE SCHOOL
- COLLEGE/CONSERVATORY RATES ARE HIGH FOR THE STUDENTS

CHALLENGES:
- FUNDING ISSUES
- CLEARLY UNDERSTANDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND THE PRINCIPAL
- TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AND KEEP GOOD TEACHERS
- COMMUNICATION NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS
- TRANSPARENCY OF HOW THE BUDGET WORKS AND WHERE THE MONEY ORIGINATES FROM (I.E. FOUNDATION, LACOE, ETC.)
- ENSURING THAT SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED
- ADDRESSING THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE ARTISTIC AND CURRICULAR ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL
- MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS FOR ALL STUDENTS
- BRINGING DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES TO WORK TOGETHER
- KEEPING THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS STRONG
- UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE OF THE SCHOOL AND ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL (LACOE, CSLA, PARTNERSHIP AND FOUNDATION)
CHARACTERISTICS DESIRED:

- STRONG LEADERSHIP
- A GOOD COMMUNICATOR IN BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN SKILLS
- A TRANSPARENT LEADER
- A VISIONARY
- MASTER IN PUBLIC RELATIONS
- POLITICALLY SAVVY
- MUST BE CONNECTED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS
- SOMEONE WITH Grit
- COMES WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD
- HAS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
- WILL KNOW THE STUDENTS
- COURAGEOUS LEADER THAT CAN WORK WITH STAFF
- HAS A KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARTISTIC AND ACADEMIC SIDE OF THE HOUSE
- OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE
- AN ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL
- PROGRESSIVE AND CREATIVE
- HANDS-ON ADMINISTRATOR
- VISIBLE
- WILL CONNECT THE SCHOOL WITH THE L.A. PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY
- CAN BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND WILL SUPPORT THEM
- RESPECTFUL OF ALL FACULTY
- A COLLABORATOR
- APPROACHABLE
- WILL HOLD TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ACCOUNTABLE