

Grants Committee Recommendation – Palisades Elementary Charter School

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$10,000** from donations that PPCC has received to Palisades Elementary Charter School (PECS), toward the creation of an outdoor classroom for PECS students who are temporarily located at Brentwood Science Magnet School until the original campus is rebuilt.

PECS has formed a parent committee to oversee creation of an outdoor classroom for the students while they attend class in Brentwood. The parent committee explains:

“Pali [PECS] has long served as a true ‘community school’ in Pacific Palisades, drawing generations of local families and serving as a focal point of the town. Preserving this role is critical to maintaining the character and connectedness of our community. . . .”

“Prior to the fire, outdoor learning spaces were an integral part of student life, used for assemblies, reading groups, art projects, gardening and parent gatherings. Since relocating to Brentwood Science Magnet, our students have lost access to this vital resource, creating a significant gap in their educational experience.”

A 12,000 sq. foot space on the Brentwood campus has now been cleared of debris and made available to PECS to be transformed into an outdoor classroom. The parent committee has provided estimates and quotes for the transformation, including quotes for picnic tables and benches and estimates for repairs such as resurfacing broken concrete and stump removal.¹

The Grants Committee agrees with the PECS parent committee’s conclusion: “This outdoor classroom will have a lasting impact on our children’s education and well-being, helping restore critical resources and rebuild community spirit in the wake of the fire.” We therefore strongly support the recommended contribution toward creation of the outdoor classroom for PECS students.

The Grants Committee believes that this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery and urges the PPCC Board to approve a \$10,000 grant to PECS for the purpose described above.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

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¹ Examples of repair estimates: \$7,000 (concrete resurfacing); \$1,500 (stump removal). Examples of quotes for picnic tables/benches: \$3,770 (6’ table); \$2,970 (42” sq. table w/flat seats); \$965 (6’ bench), plus installation fees. Tables and benches would remain PECS assets and would be moved to the permanent campus when construction is complete. The recommended grant of \$10,000 could be used by the PECS parent committee toward any combination of repairs and/or outdoor furniture which in their estimation would best serve creation of the outdoor classroom and student needs.