

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Budy, Sonia Dritz, Gweneth S., Candi Garrett, Austin M., Dawn Gould, Jamie Bryant, Morgan H., Ashley B., Julia Blietz, Gina Sillers, Karen McCarthy, Andrea Mettel, Kim Michaud, Rocio Perez Turijan, Brandy Pacheco, Diana McBride, Melissa Callaway, Georgi Harden, Dina Langhorne

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:36am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- In Math, we just finished Ch. 5 which is ratios and rates. We are starting Ch. 6 which is about integers and the coordinate plane.
- In Science, we are finishing Ch. 3 which is about erosion and deposition. We will next start on Ch. 4 which is about plate tectonics.
- In English, we are in the middle of writing an essay about Social Media.
- In Social Studies, we just finished Ch. 7 and just started Ch. 8.
- In Leadership, we are making Valentine's Day gifts for the staff.
- In PE, our class just finished basketball and volleyball.

6th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- In Leadership, we have been really busy working on project called Motivational Monday. In this project there are groups of 5 and you have to make google slides about a word that motivates and teaches kids.
 - We have been working on Counselors week. We have a gift for each day of the week for the Counselors.

7th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- One of my closest friends has told me that he was pushed down the stairs for holding the book "Blended". They called him gay and pushed him down three steps and he hurt his wrist not badly.
- In Math, we are finishing up our 5th chapter in our 8th grade math.
- In English, we are now continuing with a Mango Shaped Space and we have a quiz on Wednesday.
- In Social Studies, we are still finishing up our early Middle Ages unit but we just took a test on the ranking in what every role in the feudal system was.
- In Science, we are starting an extra unit on cells and mitosis.
- In Leadership, we are doing our Toastmasters and if you don't know what that is, it's where we have to make a speech and then do it in front of the class and have to memorize it. We also are reflecting on the Blacklight dance which we thought went way better than last year and way smoother so I'm glad we got to do that.

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7th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- A few weeks ago we had a Blacklight dance at the Teen Center. I thought it was a huge success and it was my favorite dance of the year. The only suggestion I would make is how there weren't enough seating areas because my legs got tired after standing for a few hours and there wasn't anywhere to sit. I asked a few of my friends who were there, and they agreed.
- We also just had a dodgeball LTA. I thought it was a lot of fun to watch because the students made it fun and I laughed when the teachers attempted to play.
- Finally, I was wondering if there were any more big events this year. Mrs. Michaud answered that we have the carnival.

8th Grade Rep - Drew Rosen:

- Not present

8th Grade Rep - Kourosh Apfelthaler:

- Not Present.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Leadership is making our week. We have room service coming on Friday so we got to pick what we wanted them to deliver. Thank you for goodies and the decorated doors.
- Our Newsletter will be going out today or tomorrow and it focuses on “Anxiety”.
- Revised website – working on getting it linked to Los Cerritos webpage. It is live.
- We are doing elementary school visits – today we are going to Weathersfield and tomorrow we are going to Lang Ranch, next week going to Ladera.
- Updated registration paperwork – to make more concise.
- Updating videos that we show in classrooms to help streamline registration.
- Teen Center is having bullying workshop coming up this Friday.
- We are taking a small group of kids to “Teens Kick Ash” which is an anti-vaping presentation at the VCOE. Afterwards, this group makes a PSA that is shown to kids at school.

DAC Report – Dina Langhorne:

- School calendar has been approved and on the District website.
- GATE DAC got a seat on the district budget committee.
- Caps and gowns for graduating seniors – sending out information about the opportunity to get a free loan if they are unable to pay.
- The Budget Committee wants to get rid of any rumors –no programs have been cut, they are just trying to manage them more efficiently and effectively. Going over budget line item by line item. Mr. Klinger sits on committee and is available if we have any questions.
- Legislative Committee proposed to create a Student Committee at the state level.
- Conejo Council PTA ran the Principals Round Table last month.
- Conejo Schools Foundation wants everyone to know that there is still Cash for Conejo available.
- Conejo Valley Pupil Personnel Association – WHS is filming their elective teachers so they can describe their classes and are available for incoming students going into Westlake High School.
- SPED – spoke about Newsela. Safety plans will now include Sped and special needs students.
- DELAC – spoke about ELCAP goals.

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- GATE DAC – talked about Lego League, had Bylaws vote and are still continuing Fun Fridays for 6th thru 12th grade.
- Thousand Oaks Library has expanded their hours – open now at 10:00 am. Their One City, One Book title has been released.
- Unified Association of Conejo Teachers – nominated Annie Alvarez for Human Rights Award through the state.
- Lou Lichtl went over the approval of new bylaws at DAC. Six new Core Literature books being approved in our District. The SPSAs are moving forward. Talked about the Calendar approval.
- The presentation we had was on Co-Teaching – there are positions avail in our district if would like to work with Special Ed, they are looking for people.
- LRE – Least Restricted Environment for students with disabilities presented by Lisa Miller. She also spoke about General Ed matters and showed graphs. Dawn Thomas shared that she is the TOHS Assistant Student Support Services teacher.
- Presentation on partnership of teachers in the classroom by Danielle Oliveri, TOHS Asst. Principal of Instruction teacher.
- Talked about six approaches to co teaching – all are being used in our district. There are 29 co-teaching classrooms in our district: 15 in HS and 14 in MS. More emphasis on bringing together our students and creating a different learning environment, super successful!

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Co-Teaching – currently approximately 30 sections and it's showing to be statistically beneficial as a better way to learn. Lot of growing pains – working through challenges.
- There is Graduation Committee for kids with 504 and IEP plans. Secured a venue for a special celebratory Graduation on June 9th 5-8pm at Thousand Oaks High School. Funding is being discussed.
- SELPA – there are a lot of events through SELPA, see website for that. Spring transition meeting coming up, an Autism Conference, and several other events.
- UACT – spoke on 10 teachers going to the teaching conference. There is a special topic on UDL Event coming up.
- Thousand Oak Library did a presentation – spoke about their community forum, their general plan, Friends of TO Library, their Open House coming up which helps fund Library, extended their hours, and highlighted their program of Next Chapter Book Club, and their reading with therapy dogs program.
- Resource Center – Dani Anderson – reaching out to schools who want to run a program on inclusivity, kindness, disabilities. She is available for staff developments, speaking to students, and speaking to schools, etc.
- Census 2020 – there is a huge Census push - coming out and reminded everyone to answer census. That's how we get out funding.
- Reminder when new parents want to tour any school site, they are allowed to see special ed classrooms and tour those classrooms. Asked to remind school sites that this is allowed. Not a confidentiality problem.
- Lisa Miller spoke to the launch of the new special ed program at Sequoia, similar to the Leap Program. Info meetings coming up.
- Unable to fulfill their VCBA positions for the longest time, and now they are currently filled.
- Big presentation from Dr. Hayek on the breakdown of the Budget –
 - Conejo received 88% of revenue from the state. Each student gets \$8500, base grant per student. Discussed supplemental grants for low income, English learning, or foster care.
 - Concentration grants which is where Sped would fall, but we do not qualify for it. Based on formula not sure why we didn't qualify.
 - Spoke about Gavin Newsom he is focused on making that funding more equitable.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- GATE DAC meeting was on Jan. 10th.
- Talked about GATE testing results. Tested all 3rd graders in district in December.
 - Asking when testing results available – goal is to be available prior to Trimester 3.
- Gateway to Leadership on Feb. 29th – there are 4 students per school nominated by their teachers. If there is room available, they will open up to other students.
- On May 27th there is a Teen Tech Convention for 6th graders – sending info to schools. Science/Math teachers help with that and open up to GATE students. Ours have filled up last couple of years.
- Upcoming Luncheon Event – We Honor Our Own on March 12th. Nominations for that had to be submitted by Jan. 31st. People were nominated who are advancing causes for students in the Conejo Valley.
- Our Activity was Cultivating Intellectual Dialogue at Home – broke out into groups and talked about how we cultivate intellectual dialogue at home.
- Went through the changes to our bylaws that were proposed in November. Went through them and approved changes. They will be presented at next meeting on Fri. Feb 7th.
- Mr. Klinger mentioned Moorpark College 8th grade GATE field trip on April 3rd. Taking 45 to 55 8th grade GATE students invited. Giving kids an idea of what Moorpark College is all about. Students get to see programs available.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rosario Perez Turijan:

- ELAC meeting was on January 23rd.
 - Mrs. Landseadel gave us a math presentation.
 - Mrs. Davis reviewed school attendance data.
 - Mrs. Pacheco mentioned there are 7 students being considered for reclassification.
 - We had a student presentation (social studies) the title was “the Family”.
 - Our next ELAC meeting will be on April 23rd.
- DELAC meeting was on January 28th.
 - Katrin Bergauer (DELAC Secretary) talked to the School Reports Guidelines.
 - Dr. Lisa Miller talked about Special Education overview.
 - Dr. Deborah Martinez talked about ELPAC.
 - Our next DELAC meeting will be on February 25th.
- Mr. Klinger - Shout out to Mrs. Pacheco for making this ELAC/ELD program unique to Los Cerritos by giving parents opportunity to learn about the school and how to navigate the system and getting to see their students present which is huge for them.
- Mrs. Pacheco – Students aren't sure what it means to be reclassified. Those who did were so excited to be invited to ELAC meeting for that recognition.

PSTA Report – Melissa Callaway:

- Last Friday, PTSA hosted Staff Appreciation Luncheon – had a great turnout.
- Nancy C., Angela W., myself and Brandy Pacheco represented Los Cerritos and attended the Conejo Council and Principals roundtable event last week. Very well attended. Topics covered were on UDL and parent engagement.
 - We broke into groups and shared experiences of how we parents receive various forms of communication from the district level as well as administrative (whether via by school website, emails, texts). Discuss, evaluate and share about various sites communication. Conclusion - We don't mind occasional over communication. Additional texts and emails from principal's with important messages and friendly reminders are appreciated.
- Upcoming PTSA sponsored Family Fun Run Fundraiser scheduled for March 20th.

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- Committee is looking for volunteers interested in sponsoring, donating, or helping with planning, or helping at the event. Meeting tomorrow at 7pm for those interested in joining or planning.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Georgi Harden:

- Smart Girls are talking about finding joy.
- Passport to Manhood they took a personality quiz. Results showed what they are interested what they will be successful in based on their personality.
- Our traveling Basketball team beat all others B&G Clubs in the area.
- Now we are doing Dodgeball so we have a traveling dodgeball team.
- We have a Valentine's Day party on Tuesday and all are welcome to attend.
- On Tuesday, Feb. 25th we have Bring a Friend BBQ and Inflatable Fun and all are welcome. Event is after school.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- TOHS & WHS counselors came and did presentations and gave students paperwork for registration. Bring back Friday and do registration with the students in computer labs.
- New online petition for 7th and 8th grade – for students who want to get into an accelerated or honors class. They will do the petition in the Spring and the system will send a confirmation. Will put a link on Counseling website.
- Sandy Hook Promise – communicate to our kids about many things. Second presentation is “Say Something”. Encouraging kids to say something if they see or hear something. Coming at the end of April.
- Own staff in February will get suicide presentation training. How to identify signs.
- Boost Camp – created to move kids from CP to accelerated track. Still offered for Math 7CP to Algebra 1. No longer offering Math 6CP to 7 Boost Camp. Instead kids will self-study through Kahn Academy program and take placement exam. Percentage of kids who past end of course exam in Boost Camp – moving from 7 to 8 very low (5-10%). Kids who take Boost Camp usually take test and pass it. Reason for low test scores is related to adjusting to speed. The bar to pass is usually 70%.
- Recently on social media – discussion regarding teachers that did not post on Q. By contract - teachers only required to post twice a trimester (progress report and end of trimester). Mr. Klinger believes that all parents and teachers need to see where students are. Will encourage our teachers to post more information.
- Jamie Bryant - Shout out to Mrs. Gould – her website is amazing. You as a parent know what is going on and all that content makes students and parents successful.
- Mr. Klinger – passed out data on suspensions and discussed last year's findings vs this year's.
- Mrs. Michaud went over Activities –
 - School Counselor Week this week. Valentine's grams on sale starting today. Children's Hospital of LA card writing, there is a link on our website so everyone can do them.
 - Activity emails go out monthly to parents. Getting information to everyone.
 - Promotion dance is moving to Dave and Busters. Data showed that only 50% of students attended dance when in MRP. Took a poll and overwhelming in favor of Dave and Busters. Funds are paid for from ASB funds, so the goal is to have more kids attend. Event will be on Tuesday afternoon from 1-3pm and students are bused there with a catered lunch. Require permission slip due to ride bus.
- Mr. Klinger discussed the topic of bathrooms that came up – District would like to collect data – doing a survey to students.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

- Dress Code Policy – Klinger handed out copy of dress code policy to review. Parents take a look and we will vote at next meeting. We will make some changes regarding pajamas being worn, sweatshirt hoodies and hats being worn.

Public Concerns

Candi asked about Construction – has it started – Mr. Klinger will send out notification when construction will be happening. Hopefully will be done during school hours and blocked off.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk