

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Brandy Pacheco, Kim Budy, Gweneth S., Rocio Perez-Turijan, Austin M., Andrea M., Jamie Bryant, Andrew Lorenzo, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Julia Blietz, Candi Garrett, Diane McBride, Cindy Mayling, Ashley B., Elissa Francis, Sydney K., Adrian S., Alison Roelke, Nicole Campos, Seyda Cumhur, Melissa Callaway

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- I like when the teacher puts up notes in the chat from class in zoom.
- Like Canvas, I would prefer to use Canvas instead of Google Classroom in future.

6th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Teachers doing very well with responding to emails and answering questions off of Zoom.
- Teachers are explaining classwork and independent work very clearly.
- Improvement - need to be clearer with what grade place to go off of. Like that there is an option to go to a Break-Out room or work independently in the main room.
- Teachers are making things very fun off of Zoom. Not boring.
- Counselors are reaching out to kids, being very kind and respectful.

7th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Online school is going good.
- The flexibility is nice. We have a whole week to finish assignments.
- Good amount of homework they are assigning.
- I'm going back to in-person learning but just for Leadership class, so I get Mrs. Landseadel.
- Class time for PM is changing from 12:45 to 1:00pm, makes it easier to get online.
- Thank you all to staff and teachers for making this school year.

7th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Online school has been going really well.
- All my teachers have been giving a good amount of homework, which is reinforcement activities.
- All my teachers have a google slide show for all classes, it's easy to keep organized.
- Teachers are explaining work and assignments clearly.

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- Annoying that one teacher posts on Google Classroom and all others are on Canvas, gets confusing.
- Like the flexibility with online learning.
- Students have to be productive. Time to do other activities too.
- Like online school, but looking forward to going back to school.

8th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- Online school is going well.
- I have one teacher using Google Classroom instead of Canvas. My teacher puts 3 different docs for one day of assignments which makes it harder and less convenient.
- Austin and I participating in SDAC (Student DAC). Middle schoolers get to talk about the schedule and give their perspective. I really enjoy speaking up about our concerns. High School student takes our comments to board.
- I'm excited to go back to school. Excited to maybe getting back to normal schedule.
- I like that the Announcements are now put in to Canvas and they don't go away. I see the reminder to check my Gmail.
- Staff and teachers are doing really well.

8th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- Distance learning is going well.
- Think all teachers should have office hours. Be helpful. Office hours should be required for certain classes.
- Looking forward to going back to school and seeing friends and teachers.
- Questions – what will A period PE look like?
- Klinger - Wasn't possible to do double electives. 30-40% of students have double electives. We had to create an A Synchronous PE class. They will stay remote all year. Nothing will change with those classes. We can't bring 50 students during A period.
- At Student DAC meeting we went over COVID protocols.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Want to thank students for wonderful reports and mentioning the teachers.
- We are looking forward to seeing students too. Gweneth and Austin congrats on being the voice of LC for SEDAC.
- Continuing with DIS counseling. Special Ed students – continuing to schedule appointments for social emotion support, academic support.
- Students and teachers please get the word out that we can only use email to reach students. Please have them check their email.
- Continuing to work on D and F list. Large list this trimester. Students are struggling with distance learning.
- Working with Admin trying to get all set up for students returning. It's really hard with all the details.
- Thank you Mr. Klinger for being so detailed orientated.
- Doing tours for 6th graders.
- Helping Brandy with 6th grade tutoring on Weds.
- Trying to balance the Cohorts.
- ELAC meeting this evening.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- DAC met on October 13, 2020.
- Please see the attached reports regarding School Choice Committee, and Measure I updates.

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- There was a detailed presentation on the Brown Act and how it applies to DAC Meetings and the Green Act which applies to SSC meetings. Power Point is attached below.
- There were updates about Reopen but much of that is now outdated information since the board approval at 10/20 meeting.
 - TK-2nd grade to return on 11/9
 - 3rd-5th grade returns on 11/12
 - Middle School returns on 11/16
 - High School returns on 1/19
- Next DAC meeting is scheduled for 11/10 at 5pm.
- Jason asked if they mentioned anything about Future Nights? No discussion at all.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Future Nights was not mentioned at SEDAC meeting.
- Jason mentioned that we will have a night for our Special Ed students who are transitioning from elementary to middle school. That will occur next week.
- SEDAC Chair spoke – wanted us to know about SDAC meetings (Student District Advisory Council). In contact with SDAC reps. Great advocates.
- Small group Special Ed cohorts have begun. Going very well.
- Community reports – heard from Conejo Rec and Park’s Therapeutic Recreation Unit - their fall/winter schedule is posted.
- New this year on CVUSD website, now there is a SEDAC link. Everything reported on is available through this SEDAC link.
- Independent Living Resource Center – announced they hired a deaf advocate. They will work with deaf population.
- TO library – offers curbside pickup service, library cards, virtual library, virtual homework help, etc.
- SELPA – three important events coming up:
 - Let Them Thrive “Unlocking the Doors to Academic Success in Remote Learning” – 4 part series. Will be on Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Nov. 30 and Dec 8.
 - Facilitated IEP Meeting – for parents and caregivers on Nov. 9th through SELPA
 - Fall Transition Fair is on Nov. 12th.
- Public Comments – Rainbow Connection is a huge resource that supports tri-county regional center.
 - They offer support groups, meetings once a month. See website for all the information.
- Shared site successes – there is a new playground at Banyan.
- Concerns at some sites - the 30 min speech class do not meet the needs of students.
- Questions being asked to provide supplemental materials online for Remote students.
- Positive comments – the small groups returning to campus and everything is going well so far. Much appreciation to teachers and para pros. Teachers are prepared and engaged.
- Virtual classes have value but not enough as in person.
- Concerns from parents of students who are remaining remote – want to make sure their students are not left behind when students return to campus.
- Twilight tutoring program started with support to Special Ed students.
- Special Ed lunch program at NPHS that is going well.
- Sparkles and Unified Sports are meeting via zoom every week.
- Post-secondary is getting a new name.
- At TOHS – autism classroom to practice life skills and independent living is now in Home Ec room.
- Asst. Superintendent did a big presentation on tutoring, the Twilight Academies, the supports and the consultations that are available to all kids - underutilized program, wanted to push
- Update COVID school schedules and new protocols.

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GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- LCMS GATE virtual parent meeting took place on October 28th with Kim Michaud and Kelsey Bartlett. The presentation from the meeting was provided to all the parents via e-mail afterwards (for those who couldn't attend).
- We distributed the opt-in form to LCMS GATE parents a couple of weeks ago and have received 47 responses to date.
- GATE parents have received September and October GATE DAC newsletters via e-mail from Kim Michaud.
- Next GATE DAC meeting is this coming Friday.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rocio Perez-Turijan:

- DELAC meeting it was October 27th.
- Gary Bradbury (Safety and Risk Management Director) talked about School Reopen Safety Guidelines.
- Dr. Deborah Martinez talked about:
 - Small group/cohorts return to school update.
 - Intervention learning loss for English learnings.
- Next meeting will be December 17th.
- Next ELAC meeting will be today November 4th at 6pm.

PSTA Report – Mellissa Callaway:

- Campus Enhancements have begun and several donated plants (from L&L Supply Co.) have been planted and being watered by your PTSA president Susan Medhurst!!
 - PTSA is looking forward to completing planters in courtyard between jungle hall and portables per Mr. Klinger's request. Trying to keep project rolling to Welcome Back our Leopards.
- School Cents program – partnership with the Oaks Mall – still collecting receipts so please earn points for our school by downloading your receipts.
 - Another way to earn points for Los Cerritos is through Amazon Smile and also through box tops.
 - We have a SC meeting tomorrow to discuss upcoming holiday incentives so be on the lookout for new School Cents flier in newsletter, on social media, and PTSA site- coming soon! Keep your receipts, and download to earn points for our school.
- Reflections – Megan Turner reported that all the art entries are now hanging at LC. There 36 entries from 18 individuals were received across all categories except dance.
- LCMS PTSA Virtual 5K Leopard Prowl registration is now open to all!
 - The event will take place 11/20-11/29 (during Thanksgiving break) your way (walk, run, bike, prowl) Your Day! Find link to register on LCMS social media sites, LCMS newsletter, and PTSA Website.
 - We encourage all teachers and students, their families near and far to register. \$20.00 reg. fee. (5.00 t-shirt optional for local participants - planning a pick up date/times-TBD).
 - Help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. We encourage you to share your link and build your team!
 - Show your school spirit and help fundraise for LCMS. Look out for Our Leopard who is training hard!!! Post your times on the site!
 - Asked students best way to reach kids to tell them about this event – Gwen suggested gmail, Morgan said she uses Announcements. Students don't have Facebook. Melissa said she could send a link directly through email for students.
 - Kim said she can promote on students Canvas pages.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Andrew Lorenzo:

- Thank all Counselors and teachers for reaching out to students we have here at the club.
- We have K-8 here, working with all different schools and all different schedules
- Excited for kids to come back to school – some kids can do it and some can't.
- At the Club – we will have more spaces open so Counselors/Teachers contact us if you have students that are interested. Currently have afternoon first come first served, we are trying to fill up here.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Appreciate the positive comments to our teachers. They are working really hard.
- Working with teachers to transition to Canvas from Google Classroom.
- Office hours – understand the concern. Unfortunately our teacher's schedules are longer without a break. I cannot mandate office hours, some do. As we transition back to school hopefully there will be time to talk to teachers.
- Appreciate Austin and Gweneth participating in Student DAC – the most articulate person is Addy Craig who is the Student DAC representative. She was a Leopard and we are proud of her she has come a long way.
- Busy preparing for students to return. Mrs. Pacheco is the best master scheduler! Figuring out classes and cohorts. She set up EL cohorts – had the most EL participation. And Mrs. Michaud is Canvas expert.
- The BOE has approved our schedule to return last night. Students will be on campus during normal cohort hours except Wednesday. Combined cohorts in the morning.
- Want to minimize how much time teacher are out for meetings so meetings are on Wednesdays.
- Hallways have arrows and directional signs. Classes in portables, they will have to get in building and do a rotation to get to classrooms. No shortcuts.
- All of interior classrooms got a HEPA filter air scrubbers. Clean the air up to 99%.
- Lunch area – labeled all lunch benches where kids can sit. 3 kids per table.
- Challenge to keep all kids apart. Hands-off policy here, now we have a distancing policy.
- Entrance areas, students will be screened in 2 entry areas (Tennis court gate and Gym gate). Ask questions, got paws to where they stand.
- Worse clustering will be at light crossing the street. Some paws showed up at cross walk. Will have 2 lines one for those going to Vons and one going to the park. I will be standing there making sure they do that.
- Each class has a designated restroom. Trying to control numbers of kids accessing bathrooms.
- Have a detailed cleaning procedure. Takes custodian 10 minutes to clean classrooms. Doing every single day.
- Student will be told where to exit school. They will exit through the closest gate to their last class.
- Health evaluation room – if student does not feel well. So those students will go to Evaluation Room. Campus supervisor will escort student to room then Health Clerk will put on PPE and will go evaluate the student. Any Covid symptoms show, students will be sent home.
- If you go home, how do you come back – wait 10 days, get Covid test and show negative, or doctor note saying no Covid and need to be symptom free for 24 hours.
- Looking for clarifications if student calls in sick. As well as teachers, staff and admin.
- Elissa – do you want to touch on blended kids when they are stuck at home. We do not want to disrupt student schedules. We will hopefully get more info at principals meeting tomorrow.
- Gweneth – what will WEB look like?
 - Mrs. Michaud- new 6th graders – planning tours. Didn't want to have 8th graders deal with specifics so staff member and 2 web leaders will take around no more than 10 students at a time. Finalizing tour schedule. We will meet in front of schools, go thru gym, lunch tables, two groups will split off, one will go to portables, and other half go see 6th grade classes, then flip flop. Show main office, health office and library. PE and blacktop area – where to meet. 8th graders can answering questions, talk up teachers and activities. Sign up genius has went out. Still getting people signing up. Go thru classrooms, meet at lunch tables, then walk up to front of school.

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- We did a parent presentation and we are working on a student presentation. And there is a teacher presentation as well.
- Students will not have to worry about lockers.
- 6th grade classes are all upstairs in one location so transitions will be limited. Interior classes are remote teachers. Very few people will be in the building. 7th and 8th graders are in the portables. Band – will be out by fitness equipment under a 30x30 tent. Choir will be performing outside behind stage in MPR and a 20x40 tent – will be installed next week.
- Staffing updates – will teachers be changing – possible to have some shifts, can't discuss yet. Will be emailing teachers and students if affected.
- Training all teachers today at Staff Meeting the protocols and procedures. Student presentation training will be next week in PE classes – by Admin. Second Q&A session for parents will be this Thursday at noon.
- Measure I LCMS landscape project was approved. Start bidding in December. Hopefully start in Feb. Entire front of school, side of school and including windows will be installed. Brand new lunch area with solar panels. Project to take about a year.
- Will be screening students 30 minutes before the start of school. Late students will be checking in thru office to be screened.
- No supervision until 8:30am.
- Are we doing in person school tours for 5th graders? Jason - yes if parents reach out, Jason will do tours. No guidelines from county office as to not being able to perform tours.
- Jason reached out to District about future nights. They did a virtual college and career night at NPHS. Should see something similar. Likely be virtual. Hopefully info will be sent out soon. When do students choose schools? School choice is open now.
- Andrea – there is a Special Ed transitional meeting from middle to high school that is virtual.
- Karen Mc – working with HS and giving them time since it's due in January or February.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- Single School Plan Process - Will delay until December meeting. No new data to go off of.

Public Concerns

No public concerns to report.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk