

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2021**

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 Mettel, Jamie Bryant, Andrew Lorenzo, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Julia Blietz, Candi Garrett, Ashley B., Sydney K., Adrian S., Seyda Cumhur, Melissa Callaway, Alison Roelke

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:

- Noticed that some people lower their masks when they are not eating and it annoys me.
- I like how some teachers put calendars on Canvas that tells us what to do each day. It helps me to know what class I'm having and to bring the proper materials.
- Haven't seen as many problems as I have seen before. I want to thank counselors and staff for doing well enforcing things.

6th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Teacher support is really helping us right now. It's not a lot but it is helping those who need additional support.
- The students who are at risk of falling behind, I think they need more support. They can't process things as fast as some kids can. During class teachers go so fast to get things done, kids don't really process the information. I have talked to some of my friends with this problem, they are struggling and they do fall behind.

7th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- We are starting to do leadership interviews. I had mine three days ago, the process was smooth and not stressful at all. The timing was perfect too.
- Online school is going pretty good. Some teachers are not giving participation points to kids who do not have cameras on, and I think as long as kids participate, they should get points.
- Thank you teachers, counselors and staff for their support.
- Klinger – participation is no longer allowed to be a part of student grades.

7th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- I'm in Cohort B and I think everyone is being safe. Since Covid, we need to keep doors and windows open. In the portables, the wind makes the blinds bang and it is distracting.
- In PE – teachers are doing a great job spraying down equipment.
- Had leadership interviews the other day and it was easy to log on and participate.

8th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- I feel like Science is out of control right now. Science Honors assigned this project that too way too long. Teachers said it was supposed to take some time. Didn't think it was right that we had to spend 8 hours outside of class on a project.
- Science Teacher has not been grading things. Grades everything last minute. Parents freak out when they see the grades that haven't been put in.
- Everyone is excited about leadership interviews.
- Noticed in one class, the teacher does not wipe down the desk. I know students who hang out in classroom with teacher during breaks and it's not being wiped down.

8th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- I have a few questions:
 - Are we doing state testing this year? – Klinger will cover that later.
 - If we opted for optional PSAT, when will we get results for test? – Klinger will contact PSAT and find out when they will grade April's test. You will get something online or log in to get results.
 - Are we doing an award ceremony this year? Klinger – will talk about that soon.
 - How is Promotion going to look like? Klinger – I will also discuss that on my report.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- The Counseling department throughout all the middle schools will start “Learn at Lunches” starting May 5th through Canvas. Some topics: time management, stress management, etc. Done at all middle schools. Trying to address what kids are interested in. Short 15-minute live zooms through Canvas during lunch. Everything will be in newsletter.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- The one information item in the 3/9 meeting was an update on the Health curriculum discussions in order to comply with the Ca Healthy Youth Act.
- Full presentation is on DAC website was also given in a March Board meeting. Link is here that outlines the process. Stay tuned for parent info and preview opportunities.
- [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/BYTNHA5FD549/\\$file/DAC%20Health%20Curriculum%20Updates%20Presentation.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/BYTNHA5FD549/$file/DAC%20Health%20Curriculum%20Updates%20Presentation.pdf)

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Nothing to report, have not met yet.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- On April 28th from 3:45-4:45pm – District-organized middle school GATE activity, Google Earth Scavenger Hunt called “TerraClues”. An E-mail with information and how to register went out to GATE parents from Stefanie Caswell.
- Teen Tech Convention on June 2nd. It's happening virtually this year and will be open to 6th & 7th graders (since 7th graders missed out on it last year). More information will be coming from the district.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rocio Perez-Turijan:

- DELAC meeting was 3/30/21.
 - Gary Bradbury talked about the updates on the website CVUSD about COVID-19 Dashboard.
 - Nicholas Guerin and Mrs. Hong talked about College choices for careers.
 - Heather Chamberlin Coordinator CVUSD Mental Health Support talked the importance of partnership, trends-new data points.
- ELAC meeting will be today in the evening.

PSTA Report – Mellissa Callaway:

- We Congratulate and welcomed the following Slate of Officers for the 2021-2022 school year announced at the March PTSA General Meeting:
 - President: Amy Wang
 - Vice President: Deanna Camacho
 - Secretary: Kathy Tores
 - Treasurer: Davia Nelson
 - Programs: Daisy Vasquez
 - Co-Chair Programs: Christina Kane
 - Auditor: Juli Rice
 - Financial Secretary: Pamela Valance
 - Parliamentarian: Aubrey Lorenzini
 - Fundraising: OPEN
 - Historian: Melissa Callaway
 - Membership: Jennifer Obenauf
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Jamie Bryant
 - Reflections Co Chairs: Vanessa West & Julie Robertson
- Upcoming Fundraising Events:
 - Earn Points for Los Cerritos at the E Waste Recycling Event April 24 & 25, 9am-3pm-The Oaks East Parking Lot
 - Earn 2,000 points when you recycle a laptop, monitor, TV or Tablet...be sure to fill out the recycle form with Los Cerritos Middle School Name to earn points/ \$\$\$ for our school.
 - You can still earn triple points through the end of April when you shop participating Oaks Mall stores by downloading receipts as well. shopandlog.com/theoaks.
 - Reflections Committee: Working on how to pass out awards to participants (finding out what is allowed)
- Waiting for confirmation on how we can best support any graduation needs.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Andrew Lorenzo:

- Next Friday April 30th will be my last day with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Conejo Valley. I have decided to proceed with my teaching credential and go back into the elementary classrooms.
- I cannot thank the LCMS staff enough for all the support you have given the BGC this past year and helping with my transition. Thank you all for the communication regarding members that attend LC and the club to help them during this difficult school year.
- Leslie Chicas will be the supporting Director at the Anderson BGC site starting May 3rd. She is currently at the Notter BGC at Redwood Middle school, who is a very talented Director with supporting our members and growing the club. Her email is lchicas@bgcconejo.org.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- CAASP – we will not be giving the CAASP assessments this year. We need to measure learning loss.
- There will be an English and Math assessment – will be no longer than one hour. Given in those classes.
- Austin – will those tests count towards our grades? Klinger - No the results will help us with Single School Plan next year; they will not even go on transcripts or in cum.
- Gweneth – when will testing be taking place? Klinger – we are still working on particulars. All five middle schools have to agree on a date.
- Gweneth – for Math, will the test be administered based on curriculum we are taking this year? Klinger – you will get Calculus but everyone else will take the 8th grade test.
- Budy – do we know that the test will not be an end of course exam? - Klinger – it will not.
- PSAT – 94 kids will take test Saturday at LC. Will be posting lists for testing rooms and sending all call to parents.
- Measure I – project has started. Will start digging up trees today.
- 2021/2022 - will come back full time. Will be on traditional bell schedule. Will have A period, will have RTI, and will have early Tuesday. Will be following safety guidelines. Students will be 3ft apart. Based on capacity so most will have 27-30 kids per classroom. Getting furniture that provides better separation. Masks will probably will still be required. Not sure about screening. Not sure about 2 lunches or one.
- Questions –
 - Sydney – will we have lockers? Klinger – not sure if we have enough lockers to allow for the 3ft apart. Not sure every student will have a locker. Will find out about PE lockers or dressing out, not sure.
 - Gwen – News about High School? – will be full time as well, have their usual schedules.
 - Budy – input on lockers – I really like that students didn't have to do to lockers, that students had their supplies with them all the time. Klinger worries about space for all those backpacks in the classroom.
 - Austin – only works for 2 classes a day. With full schedules it will be more stuff to carry.
- Promotion – Superintendent said we will have in-person promotion ceremony. Waiting for authorization from our district before sending out information. Change some things.
 - Students will sit with their parents in pods. Four tickets per student. That's 1200 people onsite. Then have students come up, walk on stage and get certificate. Trying to figure out how it will look like on grass field.
 - Looking at 310 pods of four on field. What will parents do with trying to get in early to pick seats. Thinking about how to seat parents. Maybe do a randomizer on selected seats so parent will know where they are sitting. Preventing parents from rushing to seating.
 - Kim M. – we are exploring getting a Cornerstone photographer to come to get a good shot of students. Parents will have those photos. Photographer could get pics of the pods too.
 - Morgan – could we split promotion into two ceremonies? Klinger - initially we were planning for two ceremonies but got word from District that we are offering one ceremony. Consistent with both high schools and elementary schools. Would have made things easier with spacing.
 - Will have performances as well. Will have speakers as well. Will do an interest list next week for speakers. Will do active screening of all students and parents.
 - 8th grade students will come early to school and report to designated classrooms to review promotion ceremony details. Rest of school will be remote that day.
 - Julia – how are you handling twin families? Klinger - Both students will sit with you in your pod.
 - Jamie – having four tickets is difficult with divorced families. What about kids who don't have any parents who can come to promotion? Klinger – maybe we would put four teachers with that student.
 - Andrea – any thought into live streaming or zoom for extended family members? Maybe reach out to LC families to see if anyone can volunteer to do this.
 - Melissa – will they be practicing the morning of or having a day to practice? Klinger – it's hard to do practice with different cohorts. Still trying to see how things will look.
- Awards Night – still not going to be able to do awards night. We are doing awards and students will get awards and there will be a video to go out to families. No way to set up this huge event.

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- Karen Mc – thanks to Mr. Klinger for all the things he is working on. Worries about all the details going on. He's trying to make everything work and make everyone happy.
- Thank you to Brandy and EL team, tested all of our students for the ELPAC. Kids were fantastic. Hopefully they were able to move up and reclassify.
- Kim Michaud – we combined all middle school clubs. All clubs are virtual so we opened it up to all students. Lots of new clubs. Presentation sent out to students yesterday. If interested, we will share the presentation with parents if they want.
- Klinger – bands and orchestra are working on doing live performances in May. More info to come.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Dress Code Update/Approval

- The BOE was considering a complete dress code change that would apply to all schools. So last night they did approve the new dress code.
- Since the BOE has a new board policy and new administrative regulations, we will use those in our dress code policy for next.
- Will start implementation once I get all the info. Then will get info out to our staff, students and families so they are aware.

Single School Plan

- Hoping to get information on school plan process, but will be difficult since we have only two meetings left.
- This item will be paused for now.
- Last meeting I reported data on grades and read theory data, we are constantly reviewing that data.

Discussion/Input: Stimulus Funds to Address Learning Loss and Accelerating Learning Program

- School are getting stimulus money to address learning loss and accelerated learning progress.
- Our executive cabinet has to submit a plan by June 1st. We need to discuss how money is to be spent.
- Purpose of stimulus money is to address student needs. Our district will receive about 30 million dollars.
- 15% of funds used for activities provided remotely. 10% will go to employing paraprofessionals.
- We have 20 EL students come in every day. They stay the entire day.
- We brought back student with disabilities for our specialized program.
- Lot of money – how should we spend it?

Questions/Thoughts:

Sydney – what about getting a specific counselor for social emotional support?

Julia B. – thinks that students and parents will have a huge adjustment going from 2.5 hrs to 6 hrs. Thinks it will be too much, huge adjustment.

Andrea – agree with everyone, going back full time is a big adjustment. Periods are 50-51 minutes, by adding a few minutes to each period could allow more to be done each period. I'm an advocate for that.

Sydney – adding a couple of mins per class will help with teachers focusing on lessons in class and go slower, so kids can get more out of it instead of rushing through it.

Klinger – Thoughts on bringing students back early who have disabilities or are at-risk? Back early during the summer to work on essential skills.

Austin – during a week period, have them come in an hour or two each day to review material from last year. Klinger asked if it is for all students, or just those who struggle? Austin – open it to all students but recommend to students who need it most.

Gweneth – should be a voluntary thing – some students have a lot going on during the summer.

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Andrea – would like to see an option to come in during the summer for extra time to facilitate students who want to be there vs forced to be there.

Kim B. – I would like to have time before or after class to help kids who need a quiet place for homework or have a teacher support them with homework.

Klinger – without having RTI time, there is really limited time now to ask questions. RTI provided time to get help needed.

Julia B. – have done intervention all year at elementary level – we do RTI with kids who are really behind. For kids who's parents can't help them. I don't feel those intervention specialists exist at middle school level.

Klinger – we need an intervention specialist that can provide time to help kids. Currently not available at MS and HS level. Julia said she is paid out of the school budget, money is allocated for it. Teachers are not able to extend their time more than they already do.

Morgan – I think teachers should give us more work that would be helpful for CAASPP testing in class instead of just giving it as homework. They should teach us more than doing fun stuff. Klinger – teachers only see students once maybe twice a week so they want to engage with students and make it fun for them.

Austin – to solve RTI problem, during break between classes – maybe go to optional classroom for help.

Klinger – we are looking for expenditures of money for next year. Will send out a Google link so if you have any other ideas, just submit those via the Google document.

Jamie B – HS starting early in morning during normal school year – there is a law to change that. I think MS students can benefit from more sleep – later start time.

Public Concerns

No Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk