

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2019

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., Kourosh A., Julia Blietz, Gina Sillers, Karen McCarthy, Andrea Mettel, Kim Michaud, Rocio Perez Turijan, Brandy Pacheco, Elissa Francis, Diana McBride, Gina Sillers

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 734 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Thanksgiving break was awesome.
- We had a speaker named Scott and he talked to the school about many things but his main purpose of coming was to talk about inclusiveness. Everyone learned a lot. He even came to Crew 6, ASB, and PSST and we played fun games.

6th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Before Thanksgiving break, we had the Manna Food drive. It was very successful. We filled 5 bins with donations.
- Also, we are having an event called Spark of Love Toy Drive. That gives gifts to families in need.
- Morgan and I are volunteering at Lang Ranch elementary for Reflection Night.

7th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- While we still have a lot of work to do, there are only 13 days left.
- In Math, we are finishing lesson 4.1.2 and plan to take the benchmark on Thursday.
- In English, we were going to take the CAASPP beginner test that Mr. Klinger set up but there were some technical difficulties.
- In Social Science, we are finishing our lessons on Islam and we don't have a benchmark.
- In Science, we are learning about how to use the microscope. I already know how expensive they are so I hope I don't drop them.
- In Leadership, I asked Mrs. Landseadel and my class about what was positive about the school and what was negative. I did this last year and went really well so I hope this one does too.
 - Gweneth went over what was positive and what was negative and Mr. Klinger took note.

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7th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- I would like to share about our amazing speaker that we had yesterday named Scott Backovich. He spoke about kindness and giving to people because it won't hurt you, it can only help you. I thought all of his stories were great...some were sad and sometimes I laughed. He also talked to the LC Crew. The activities we did were meaningful, fun, and a great way to get our honest opinion. Overall, I think the speaker had a great message of "Complaining Less and Giving More" and I hope he comes back next time.
 - I would like to share my honest opinion to make our school a better place and I think the lunch line is way too long. If the lunch line becomes shorter everyone will have more time to eat and socialize.

8th Grade Rep - Drew Rosen:

- Not present

8th Grade Rep - Kourosch Apfelthaler:

- In PE, we are running the half marathon.
- In Choir, we are preparing for our Winter Concert which is this Saturday.
- In English, we have just taken a reading CAASPP assessment.
- In Social Studies, we are taking a test on Unit 4 consisting of subjects such as federalism, sovereign people, and the controversial case of Marberry vs Madison.
- In Spanish, we are starting our Chapter on food.
- In Science, we are learning about Atoms, electrons, protons, and neutrons.
- In Algebra, we are working on system of equations.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Had our 2nd newsletter go out. It focused on social media – a lot of great information.
- In Counseling, we implemented a log in of when kids come to Counseling to keep data of when we see kids and why they are visiting (social emotional, academic, etc.).
- We are starting an EL RTI. Grouping English language learners together to offer them additional support during RTI.
- Girls Group is starting with Breakthrough – they are coming to facilitate one day a week at lunch. For 6th and 7th grade girls who have been identified as needing support. Invitations are being sent out – will be starting next week.
- Working on the D and F list from last trimester and calling kids down and setting meetings.
- Let us know of anything that you want anything mentioned in our newsletter.

DAC Report – Dina Langhorne:

- Not Present.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- No report.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- GATE DAC meeting will be next week on Dec. 13th.
- After last meeting, we had a GATE DAC parent meeting. Had 10 parents show up. A few parents emailed Julia to opt in for future communications.
- We gave the parents a good idea of how LC serves the needs of GATE students (clubs, academics). Parents liked hearing about the clubs.
- Parent Speaker series – next Tuesday, Dec. 10th from 6-7 pm at the University Center. Dr. Heather Chamberlain, CVUSD Mental Health Coordinator, will be doing a presentation on “Defeating Anxiety in Your Gifted Child”.

ELAC/DELAC Report –Rosario Perez Turijan:

- The next DELAC meeting will be on Dec. 17.
- The next ELAC meeting will be on Jan. 25th.
- Brandy – this round of RTI we pulled 8th grade ELD students. Talking to them about barriers that they have, what do they see are some issues. Went over results and students were able to see where they improved or didn't.

PSTA Report – Nancy Crellin:

- Had family connection night – Judy French, Coordinator at PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, Los Angeles did a presentation on Creating Community. Really well attended. Spoke about bullying and how not label kids as bullies or victims. Good tips on how to identify the difference between tattling and asking for help.
- Andrea asked if she can she speak at Staff Development meeting or Staff meetings. Really good information and a different perspective.
- Toppers Pizza restaurant fundraiser last night.
- We had a PTSA general association meeting yesterday. We have to elect a nominating committee for next year's PTSA board. We postponed it to next month January Principal's coffee because not enough people attended.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Georgi Harden:

- Not Present

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Thank you students for your input.
- PSAT coming up on Dec. 14th – we have 117 students taking it. That's a record. Doing a pre-administration bubbling next week during RTI to see if we can narrow the testing window from 3 hours to 2+ hours.
- Parents should be receiving the LCAP district survey probably today or tomorrow. I use this data in our overall single school plan. Our 7th and 8th grade students will be doing the survey in Social Studies classes.
- Middle of Inclusive Week – students spoke positively about speaker Scott. It was great to follow up with leadership kids. Yesterday was Hey Day and everyone wore name badges. Might consider doing that the first day of school next year.
- Today is Reception Line – dividing class into groups and ask a series of questions – way to connect.
- Tomorrow is Personality Test – talk to someone new about who inspires them and who they are. Shared experiences help in creating connections.
- Friday is United at LC – wear LC colors.
- Finished the fall athletic season. Boys' soccer won the championship. Our 6th grade volleyball team lost in the finals. Our 7th grade volleyball team lost in the finals. Our 8th grade volleyball team reached the semi-

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finals. Our 7th grade basketball team were the Champs! Two years in a row. 8th grade basketball team lost in the finals.

- Had Trimester 1 Rally – was well organized, fantastic activities, kids had fun. Talk about dodgeball and maybe not do that, had a pie eating contest.
- Thank you to all the parents who participated in the Step it Up event.
- Lockdown drill on the 20th.
 - Gweneth – kids need to take it seriously and it's good to talk about what's happening now on the news.
 - Elise – maybe give 6th grade parents a heads up with any scary language that may be said during lockdown drills. Kim M. – emails went out prior to drill explaining what would be said during lockdown.
- Landscaping/Hardscape – things are progressing.
- Single School Plan – will be updating you on D and F report at next School Site Council – have new data.
- There was a discussion about having the Sheriff's Department come and do parent talks about drugs/paraphernalia so parents are aware of what's out there.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

No new business to report.

Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk