

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 3, 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 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., Seyda Cumhur, Melissa Callaway, Nicole Campos

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Like how teachers make us use hand sanitizers. Makes me feel safer.
- Improving safety protocols – noticed when kids walking to class or are at break they sit together and don't distance.

6th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Like the weekly check in on Wednesdays.
- Kids sitting alone at break, can we do something to make them feel included?
- Safety protocol is improving.

7th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Giving kids comfort
- Thank you for changing dress code rules after a long time. It will be very good.
- Need to do more class activities, but not in small groups.
- Teachers should change up class schedules, not the same over and over.

7th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Excited about the new dress code.
- School has been going great – rules seemed to be followed.
- Very organized and teachers do a great job in making things clear.
- Doing a lot of projects in class and presenting. Making kids more confident with fewer kids in the class.
- When is next dress up day?
- Thank you teachers and staff.

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8th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- The trimester is closing and I feel that teachers have done a good job preparing us this trimester. I have the best Math class this year. Feel like it's easier to reach out to teachers because they are not super busy with 2 classes a day.
- Excited about High School students going back.
- Liking Leadership so far. We are doing character strong projects now. Like the process of it and like presenting too.

8th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- Wrapping up Trimester 2. When will grades be out? Usually grades are viewable on Friday.
- What will school year look like next year?
 - Klinger – haven't received any information yet about next year. Covid data is being evaluated.
- I went to SDAC meeting – many other students said their classes are boring and kids don't social distance or wear masks properly. So we are doing a better job than them.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Registration time – Would love feedback from parents on forms and info sent out to incoming 6th graders and 7th graders going into 8th grade. New process, want to work out kinks.
- HS Registration in process. We were not in charge of that. Please reach out if there is any confusion.
- Doing red flag warnings – where district monitors student Chromebooks for searches that may be questionable. Will reach out to families.
- Wednesday check-ins have been successful. We are inundated in supporting kids. Admins help because there are too many. Kids didn't know how to answer things correctly.
- Started Resiliency group yesterday – small group, how to bounce back and deal with adversity.
- We have a Girls Empowerment group going for four weeks.
- Launching a new student survey – more specific information – going out today. Take 2 minutes.
- Having difficulties reaching students. Emails go out but kids don't respond.
- Doing DIS counseling – with Special Educations students.
- Working with D and F list. Get a new list now that trimester is ending. We reach out to families and offer support.
- Trying to supervise on the yard, been difficult because we are so busy.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Last DAC meeting on Feb. 9th.
- Presentation from Becca from Breakthrough student assistance program. Another layer of social-emotional support. Work with counselors and admins.
- Safety Review Request – submitted to State to get blended HS students back. On Monday that was approved. As of next week, blended HS students will return to campus.
- Did some breakout groups – discussed things that are working and improvements that could be made. Results will be discussed at next meeting.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Applications for Student DAC (SDAC) are due March 1.
 - Grades 9-12 were invited to apply.
 - For application - <http://www.conejousd.org/Departments/Instructional-Services/High-School-Education-and-Assessment/SDAC-Student-District-Advisory-Committee>

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- City of Thousand Oaks Youth Recognition Award – Nominations are due March 15th.
 - Nominees should be volunteers who have shown a particularly high level of commitment; e.g., frequent service, above average number of hours, reason for service.
 - All nominees must be Thousand Oaks city residents (this includes Newbury Park and a portion of Westlake Village) or attend a middle or high school in the City. They must also be 13 to 19 years of age and still in middle or high school.
 - Awards in three categories Appreciation, Achievement, and Youth of the Year are given in both the Middle and High School categories. Selection for the interviews will be based on information on the nomination form and a volunteer summary form, which we will provide to selected nominees.
 - For nomination form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8C-MGj-qX0ScrXR38aQKbP41EK1PM7VDg-MIVHwKsxdUQU5HNkgzNjIGUVBBR0RRWTBJTzNFN0paWS4u>
 - Walking the Path Together Conference – was on February 27th 8:00am – 11:30am. Walking the Path Together is an annual conference focused on families of young children with disabilities (0-5 years old) and the professionals who support them. This year's conference features keynote presentations by two parents of young children with disabilities. Breakout sessions will be offered on: Learning to Learn Skills, ABC's of the IEP, Sensory Needs. To register: <https://vcoe.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=195309>.
- Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!
 - Cal-TASH 2021 Virtual Conference – March 5th – 6th. This year they are offering a 'pay what you can' registration fee. Each year, the Cal-TASH Conference brings together individuals with significant disabilities and their allies to share resources and success stories, learn about field-driven best practices, and network within a community engaged in shared values. Dr. Lisa Miller, and Cindy Liu will be presenting on a panel discussing: Parents and Districts as Allies: Working for Inclusion. March 5th @ 3:30pm–4:30pm Long Beach and Culver City districts will also be represented. To register: https://hopin.com/events/cal-tash-2021-virtual-conference-together-for-justice-inclusion-and-community?fbclid=IwAR2BXHfeR5jZ_ZC1D-agAX_hG0-TeDSlaN2cmG8bk4FecwEfomw9-2h1Ck4#top.
 - CVUSD Spring Career Education Pathways for ALL Students – March 18th 5:30pm. This event will feature opportunities for Career Education Pathways. They will have 15 presenters and 5 of them are specifically for students with disabilities. Flyers will be distributed in the coming days.
 - Annual Spring Transition Fair organized by the Ventura County Transition Project – March 20th 9:00-12:00am. The Transition Fair provides opportunities for parents, teachers, care providers, and students with disabilities to learn about the transition to adult life process and prepare for the life they envision. Meet local agency representatives and attend breakout sessions to assist with making lifelong decisions, managing resources, self-advocacy, benefits planning, the college application and process, and resume building. To register: <https://vcoe.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=197492>.
- Buddy Programs are up and running and getting very good feedback. Check the CVUSD webpage to participate. Thanks to our student leaders for their work to get this program off the ground so quickly!
- SEDAC Curriculum Committee will be conducting Listening Sessions during March to better understand experiences to date with the health, 'sex ed' curriculum - dates, details and registration will be emailed next week.
- Dr. Powell gave a great presentation on the Career Tech Ed (CTE) program. Her slides will be available on the SEDAC google drive as soon as possible.
- Mr. Lichtl and his Instructional Services Team provided an LCAP information session and breakout sessions to get feedback on specific LCAP goals.
- For more information on countywide information and support programs - <https://www.smores.com/tkzxd>.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- Last meeting was on February 5th.
- New meeting will be this coming Friday, March 5th.
- Highlight – presentation by Catherine Xu from student DAC – meetings and what SDAC is doing.
- Listened to reports from groups.

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- Had a GATE activity with LC students. Fun and challenging with Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Michaud. Learned about Morse code.
- March activity – Mrs. Bartlett – ESPN employee to come in and tell us about her job. Might open it up to any LC student.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rocio Perez-Turijan:

- DELAC on Feb. 23rd
- Gary Bradbury gave CVUSD updates with Covid 19. Measures will continue to be carried out at each school.
- Shauna Ashmore and Amber Bowman – talked about importance of attendance.
- Dr. Martinez – gave ELPAC update and reclassification.
- Next meeting March 30th.
- ELAC meeting will be April 21st.

PSTA Report – Mellissa Callaway:

- Nominating committee has posted its slate of officers for the 2021-2022 school year. Election will be held on March 23rd at 7:00pm at the next General Association meeting. Register on the PTSA website to join meeting.
- Waiting to hear about 8th grade graduation plans to see how we can contribute to that event.
- Pushing promotion messages on the marquee. Please spread the word to 8th grade families. Allow 2 weeks to process.
- Jaime – we need someone for the Fundraising Chair for next year. Let us know if anyone is interested.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Andrew Lorenzo:

- Club running smoothly.
- Safety #1 priority at Club – always keeping kids safe.
- Members are improving their grades. Getting used to new system.
- Shout out to Ella Tucker and Valeria Jimenez – nominated for Youth of the Month. This past month they interviewed and applied for Youth of the Year through the National B&G Club Association. They are waiting for results.
- We are doing Women's History month this year. Doing activities with that.
- We like to hear the announcements and are also doing announcements of famous historical African American people.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

Pacheco –

- We have a number of students who are returning to blended learning from remote. Excited to see students coming on campus. 17 have requested to go to blended and only 5 requested to go remote.
- ELPAC testing has started for students on campus. Starting next week our students on Remote will come in on their off cohort to test.
- Students currently enrolled in ELD class will be taking the group test in their respective classes. Others not enrolled in ELD class will be pulled during their off cohort time to complete their group testing.

Michaud –

- Yearbooks – did not sell at beginning of year. We are offering them at \$35.
- 8th grade dedications are due by Friday this week.
- Email to 8th grade families with a chart of everything going on. Updating chart and send out periodically.

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- Leadership update – all applications are online this year. Once they are in and closed, we will send out a Sign Up Genius to pick their interview dates.
- Students are working on Character Strong projects and presentations in classes.
- ASB and PSST classes – have a combined play day on Zoom to build community.
- PSST – starting their peer mediation next week. Trying to find ways to connect with students from 6 feet apart.
- This month is Kindness month. Leadership classes are making kindness and gratitude journals.

Klinger -

- Registration has changed a bit this year, now everything is online.
- One addition to master schedule – we will now have an Intro to Spanish class – not a HS credit class.
- Social-emotional check-ins are weekly. Had 38 students the first week request check-ins. Some kids are stressed out and just need someone to talk to. This last week we had 24 request for check-ins.
- Measure I – Technology – next 20 years we get money to improve technology. For next year, we were given \$88,500. LC Tech committee will take a look and see what we need.
- Sorry for last minute schedule change. Friday will now be a remote day, like Wednesday.
- PSAT - 8th grade families should have received an all call and a PSAT form. We had cancelled it earlier in the year, but now we are offering it in late April. We are the only middle school in district doing this.
- March 15th is a no school, no remote day.
- Title IX posters have been placed in all classrooms. Students can report bullying confidentially.
- Measure I – Construction Project – will have windows and a new lunch area. Construction will start in April and finish in December. Choir will need to be relocated in the meantime.
- Progress Monitoring –
 - Jason shared some progress slides for 7th & 8th grade (reading and comprehension level). Seeing growth in honors, seeing lower growth in CP classes.
 - Grade Data – D & F report.
 - Total Enrollment – Had 22% of our students in Tri. 1 who got a D or F or both. This Trimester that went down by 4%.
 - EL kids - Had 51% of kids with at least one D or F, went down to 45%.
 - Spec Ed kids – Had 37% with at least one D or F, went down to 33%.
 - Saw growth in our low socio-economic group as well.
 - Latino students maintained.
 - African-American students it increased.
 - Next meeting, Mr. Klinger will share Trimester 3 data.
- Cindy – were there any significant differences in grades for remote vs blended students? Mrs. Pacheco - will have answer at next meeting.
- We are a CLU Professional Development School – We receive student teachers every year. Recently we were recognized by state of California for being a teaching professional development school.
- We were also recognized by the National Professional Development School of the United States.

Old Business

Dress Code Sub-Committee Report – Mrs. Pacheco

- Working draft of dress code. If you want a copy, let us know. The working draft will be sent to all SSC members to review.
 - Brandy went over the working draft of the dress code. Reviewed current language and proposed language changes to the dress code.
 - Presented to the board for comments.
 - See attached the working draft for review.

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- Jason suggested SSC members take a look at the working draft and make any notes or suggestions then email them to Jason or Brandy. At next meeting, we will go over step by step and as a group we will approve it section by section.

New Business

No new business.

Public Concerns

No Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk