

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Kim Michaud, Karen McCarthy, Julia Blietz, Austin M., Gweneth S., Candi Garrett, Elissa Francis, Ashley B., Morgan H., Kourosh A., Drew R., Jamie Bryant, Pamela Valance, Dina Langhorne, Andrea Mettel, Nancy Crellin, Dawn Gould, Sonia Dritz, Jennifer Wutkee, Rocio Perez

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- In Leadership, we have had a lot going on. First, we have made presents for all teachers and staff. Next, we had a successful Red Ribbon week. We made a lot of poster and got the word out to all of the students. We had really fun games that week.
- We did live announcements for the Manna Food drive and are getting a lot of donations.
- Last, our community service hours restarted because of the new Trimester.
- Our ballroom, student store, and recycling shifts have been going well.
- Also, on December 13th we have pajama day and then movie night from 6:00-8:00pm.
- The week of 12/16/19 we have the Spark of Love Toy drive and that Friday, we have to wear ugly holiday wear.

6th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- In Math, we just started Chapter 4 which is based on areas of Polygons. We just had our math benchmark.
- In Science, we just started Chapter 2. We are learning about weathering and soil.
- In English, we are finishing up reading the book “Wonder”. We have our English benchmark today.
- In Social Studies, we just finished learning about Ancient Egypt.
- Lately, in Leadership we have had a lot of dress up days, which are really fun.
- In PE, we just finished up doing all of our tests for trimester 1.

7th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- This month has been very thrilling with Red Ribbon Week in October, the Halloween Dance, and Step It Up Reward event yesterday. I absolutely loved it and I definitely want to participate next year. I think the event really pays off because one of my friends who never comes to the dances or school events actually came and wanted to come.
 - One thing I would like to say, there was no warning or announcement that it was going to be on Tuesday. Since I am in Independent PE I had to text my mom to pick me up after 1:55 instead of after 5th period.

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- Well I am so excited the trimester is over. In accelerated math we are finishing up our trimester one lessons and we are taking the benchmark in trimester two.
- In English, we already took our benchmark and are now reflecting on it.
- In Social Studies, we have just started to learn about the Islam religion and historic people with the Islamic religion.
- In science, we are doing a project on habitat fragmentation and animal adaptations.
- And finally, in Leadership we are doing final touches on our plan for the trimester one rally.

7th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- I would like to start off with the fact that the 2018 boys' basketball banner still has not been hung. Colina has taken the credit instead, even though they lost.
- In Science, we are learning about cells.
- In Social Studies, we are currently learning about Muslims.
- In P.E., we are finishing up our archery unit.
- In English, we just started our biggest group project of the year on the book called, The Giver.
- In ASB, we just finished presenting our Mindset Mondays.
- In Math, we are starting our mini unit on angles.

8th Grade Rep - Drew Rosen:

- We had the Halloween dance. The dance was very successful and had a thrilling haunted house.
- We also had Future Leopard night – congrats to all the LC speakers, choir and strings for their amazing speeches and performances.
- Sadly, we did not spend Halloween at school, but it was a great idea to let students wear their costumes the day after.

8th Grade Rep - Kourosch Apfelthaler:

- In P.E., we are doing archery.
- In Choir, we are preparing for our Winter concert.
- In English, we are analyzing the Outsiders.
- In History, we are learning about the ratification of the constitution, the federalists, and the anti-federalists.
- In Spanish, we are finishing our unit on conjugating verbs, and in-school and after school activities.
- In Science, we are learning about phase changes and particle motion.
- In Math, we just took our trimester 1 benchmark.

New Business

- Approval of Single School Plan –
 - Mr. Klinger provided each member a copy of the four goals, actions associated with each goal, and the data analysis. The entire plan was reviewed section by section to elicit any questions, comments, or amendments that needed to be made. Mr. Klinger thanked the entire group for their effort and input when it came to the creation of this plan. All goals are aligned with the district LCAP goals and were listed below each goal.
 - The group discussed future changes to the process which may include additional breakout sessions for data analysis and the involvement of students (including all subgroups) to gather authentic data. A schedule will be created and presented to the SSC for the 2020/21 process.

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- The Single School Plan for Achievement was motioned for approval and received a second. No further discussion was needed. Plan was approved unanimously. All parties signed the SSPA document.
- Gweneth – suggested that teachers identify students who are struggling and not meeting benchmark have students come in and do one-on-one tutoring with them.
- Dress Code – Ashley Bryant – There are so many students who are not complying with dress code. I feel that it should be more enforced. And when kids are sent to the office, they do not go, they wait in hallway.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- We have started our monthly newsletter. November's topic was Grit & Resilience.
- Continuing with 504 and SST meetings.
- All District Counselors had professional development on Student Anxiety – LGBTQ support, compassion fatigue.
- Holding break-through groups for peer relationships with 6th and 7th grade girls.
- Working on registration and scheduling visits for 2020/2021 school year.
- We are working on the Counseling website. Changing it to Weebly with our own domain.

DAC Report – Dina Langhorne:

- Board of Ed Update –
 - Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Oct. 23 is Unity Day
 - November - National Bullying Prevention Month
 - The week of Dec. 2nd thru 6th is Inclusive Schools Week
- School Choice Committee -
 - School Choice begins on Nov. 1st thru Jan. 31st.
- Conejo Council PTA -
 - Nov. 18th is Reflections District Awards
- Conejo Schools Foundation -
 - Nov. 13 - Parent Speaker Series on "Anxiety"
 - TedX Speaker Interviews for HS students in November & December
 - Cornerstone pictures is donating family portrait fees back to our schools
 - Cash for Conejo Awards will be announced soon
- SPED Update -
 - Working on dual enrollment with 8 CA colleges
 - Next meeting is Nov. 19th
- DELAC Update -
 - Goals were presented
 - Next meeting is Dec. 17th
- GATE DAC Update -
 - Testing dates are being set
 - Assistant Principals from HS will be invited to meetings on a rotating basis
 - 3rd graders are being tested
 - 4th graders & above will be tested based on teacher referrals
- Library Committee -
 - Homework help
 - Reading buddies
 - Teen space
 - Food drive - 1 canned item = \$1.00 in fines

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- Core Literature -
 - 7th Grade - "Forget Me Not"
 - 8th Grade - "Just Mercy"
- TO Strong Day -
 - District commemorated Borderline Tragedy & Fires
- School Shut Down -
 - Superintendent closed district schools based on poor air quality & freeway closures
 - Don't need to make up fire days
 - Universal Design for Learning for Principals & Teachers was a pupil free day
- US Census -
 - Presentation by Justine Fischer; Partnership Specialist LA Regional Census Center
Justine.l.fischer@2020census.gov
909-615-1507
- Reviewed CVUSD website -
 - Tutorial Enroll CVUSD.com
 - School choice & interdistrict & CTE career pathways
- Broke out into groups & reviewed District Survey
- Would like to share the new counseling Newsletter at the next DAC meeting.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Special Presentations by: Steve Blum, JD, former Ventura County Community College District trustee and current faculty at CLU grad school of Education: Shared background on career and connections to special education, very informative.
- Beth Lasky PHD, Professor in the SPED dept. at CSU Northridge: She leads the Explorers program, an inclusive, two-year, post-secondary program offered through the university's Tseng College.
- Will Francis, MBA Project director, Open the Doors to College, UCLA Tarjan Center: Expert on higher education for students with disabilities. Currently 12,000 students with disabilities are attending community colleges in California.
- Reminder to check out SELPA's website
- Boys and girls club invite all kids to winter camp
- CRPD have offerings in the therapeutic Unit for this winter
- SPED graduation committee is exploring ways to recognize all IEP/504 plan students who are graduating HS with some sort of graduation celebration
- Lisa Miller spoke to why the change from district sped "coordinators" to now having the onsite admins at the MS and HS's manage the SPED populations. She explained how they are getting monthly coaching/training by her in all things sped.
- A reminder to look into the CALABLE for special needs trusts
- Dec 10th "highlight the sped program at Redwood" event
- Parent info night at Sequoia in December
- TRIGGS is closing at Conejo Elem, thus CVUSD is absorbing the 5 students they were hosting.
- Update to the legality of school tours when parents want to tour a sped classroom is ok. Parents can request a tour of the sped classes via principals.
- Update on how to calculate LRE during the length of the student's day. Formula was shared.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- GATE parent meeting tomorrow (Nov. 21) night at 6:30pm. Meeting in Library.
- Mrs. Michaud is the new GATE facilitator.
- Mrs. Michaud will talk about how LC serves the needs of GATE students.

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- Mrs. Michaud attended GATE DAC meeting on Nov. 8th Most of the meeting spent on UDL guidelines – Kenny Loo presented.
- Next GATE DAC meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 13th (9-11 a.m.) at University Center.

ELAC/DELAC Report –Rosario Perez Turijan:

- DELAC meeting was on October 29th.
 - During the meeting, Lou Lichtl (Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services) talked about the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
 - Kenny Loo (CVUSD Dir. of Middle School and Professional Learning) talked about Universal Design for Learning (UDL).
 - Next meeting will be December 17th.
- ELAC meeting was on October 24th.
 - During the meeting Mrs. Griffith gave us a Science presentation.
 - Mrs. Pacheco talked about SPSA in LCMS.
 - Ms. Davis gave us a review about Q Parent Connect, LCMS website, and supports for students.
 - We had 56 student recognition. We had 49 students improved their ELPAC scores and 7 students have been reclassified last year.
- Next meeting will be January 23rd.

PSTA Report – Nancy Crellin:

- Had Reflections Art Program – received just under 50 entries. 17 were recognized here at LC and moved on to district level. A student in every category got recognized this year. We had 7 students honored on Monday by Conejo Council.
- Tonight our first parent connection night – Judy French from PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center giving a talk on “Creating a Community of Inclusion without Bullying” for students and parents at 6:00pm in the MPR.
- Food night coming up at Toppers on December 3rd from 3:30 – 9:00pm.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Georgi Harden:

- Not present.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Future Leopard Night –
 - Feedback from kids who attended was that they wanted to see more of the classrooms.
 - Jason – This came from Principal’s Coffee where students want to see more of the school so we accommodated that during Future Leopard Night. This was difficult but we made it happen.
 - Next year – we have decided to hold 5th Grade Visit day the morning of Future Leopard Night and have parents only in the evening.
 - One parent suggested that the term “prison” to describe our school not be used.
- School Improvements –
 - Met with Planning Commission - the plans for hardscape/landscape of front of school and lunch area will be approved in the next month. Work could start between January and June.

Old Business

No old business to report.

Public Concerns

No public concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk