

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 9, 2022**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Sydney Katz, Deanna Camacho, Rachael Jordan, Eli Nudel, Kaylin Kelly, Karen McCarthy, Scott Foli, Sonja Montiel, Becca, Martina Ziegenfuss, Katie Dahm, Clare C., Patti Reis, Michelle McEvoy, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Accelerated Math – working on a project Armature Architect - Draw out angels, sides
- Having fun in school with all the events.
 - Loved the Choir concert
 - Sport-O-Rama was really fun.
- English classes are finishing Wonder. Watching movie soon.

6th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel:

- Halloween dance was fun, I liked inflatables. Lines were relatively short, games fun.

7th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Speech and Debate club had their first tournament we won 2 out of 16. Tournament was at Oakwood. Most words went to Oakwood students, judges were from Oakwood, felt bias. Some students were high schoolers.
- Halloween dance, felt like lot less people, lines aren't long. Ice cream truck was great. Last year had laser tag thing that was cool. Inflatable weren't the best design, kids got stuck.
 - Leadership should look at it before it's set up.
- RTI tracker – good but I don't know if it's changing anything. Kids are still not on task.

7th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Halloween dance - felt smaller than last year... not as many things to do.
- I like RTI, been helpful. Using the form, find it keeps me on track.
- It would be helpful on rainy days if the bell schedule be posted somewhere. None of my teachers told us where to go.

8th Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

8th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Rainy Day schedule fun lunch – I have PE 3rd period and we cannot hear the announcement for rainy day.
- Today we start first English learner book, the Refugee. Looking forward to reading that book.

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- Math – I'm in Ms. Tabbals' first period – we are matching with Mrs. Morrow's class so I can ask that class for help.
- Winter Concert – getting ready for choir concert in December.
- When Mrs. Landseadel returns, will I stay in her classroom? Klinger – Ms. Tabbals's two classes will go in to Ms. Morrow's classroom.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Doing a lot of groups during RTI - started a Student Success group. We look at kids in study hall. Doing a future success group with some 8th graders.
- Wellness center is open and thriving. At lunch many kids go there, about 25-30. Mellow scene.
- Continuing 504 meetings, identifying kids to move forward for assessments.
- Meeting 1:1 with kids and referring to wellness counseling.
- District sent out social emotional learning survey. Will give a better report next month. Almost 50 kids who said they don't have any trusted adult on campus. Total responses were 586. Going to start with trusted adult piece. About 20 kids who did not feel generally happy. Reaching out to those kids.
- D and F list just came out for Q1. Pulling kids in and talking with them, having parent meetings.

DAC Report – Sonja Montiel:

- Kenny Loo – has a theme each month - last month was Soaring to New Heights. This month is Strength and Resilience.
- Went over new Conejo Valley Unified School District website. Easy to follow. Lots of information is there. Los Cerritos also has a new easy to use Website.
- Presentation on Career Tech Educational program (Career Pathways) – we have 3 coordinators for the district. About to hire 3 more CTE counselors. Only district in the state that does this.
 - Thoughtful alignment with the high school programs.
 - Coordination with college courses. Website: conejoCTE.org.
 - Using California Career Zone website (CACareerZone.com) is also great place to start.
- Presentation on LCAP Survey – Districts' plan. Collect data for goals and achievements. Pre-pandemic – there were more responses, number of questions went up and survey is longer. Main feedback - Can you change the name so more parents will want to contribute to the survey?
- Inclusive Schools Week – Dec. 5 thru 9. School activities kit on district website.
- Our chair would like to collect data on fundraising post pandemic and what has been more successful. Klinger – we do Step It up – prizes and donations. PTSA fundraising is also dropped down. Family food night dropped down too. School cents at mid-range, usually higher. Showing parents what the goal is for the fundraising to get more parents on board. Klinger – call out what exactly we are collecting money for.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

Here are the top 3 Priorities SEDAC will focus on as we move forward with all our work this year:

- **Priority ONE**
Achievement and overall success for ALL students by prioritizing and supporting opportunities for co-teaching, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Career Technical Education (CTE) and academic pathways, and inclusion as well as supporting equity in opportunities across all school sites.
- **Priority TWO**
Supporting student mental health and social emotional learning by rebuilding campus culture by fostering and emphasizing student connection to their school communities through intentional, meaningful, and impactful opportunities for acceptance, inclusion and friendship.
- **Priority THREE**
Increase SEDAC member engagement and improve communication with all parents/guardians through collaborations with school site administration, School Site Council, PTA/PFA, and other stakeholders as well as provide opportunities to build relationships and connections, both virtual and in person.

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- During the meeting, we had a presentation from Dr. Dwight Rogers, Asst. Director-DEI, presenting the initial stages of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion 5 year plan. The committee asked questions and provided suggestions specific to our kids. The plan will be worked on throughout the school year with hopes of implementation starting next school year.
- The group is forming sub-committees to tackle specific areas important to our community. These include:
 - Communication/New Member
 - Curriculum/Inclusion
 - Disability Celebrations
 - Safety
 - Transitions
- I will be serving on the transitions committee to better understand how we can help our kids as they approach transitions from TK/K to elementary, elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and beyond! As we work on these goals, I'll send more updates on progress.
- School Choice for 2023-2024 is opening up and provides great time to think about middle schoolers transitioning to high school.
- Jingle Bell Hike – at Conejo Community Center on 12/10 from 10am – 12pm. There are 28 spots left.
- We do have a small number of parents who have opted-in to communications. Klinger - when you get a summary, email me and I will send it out.

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- Had a meeting last week. Want to thank Mrs. Pacheco and Ms. Gonzales for stepping up as coordinators for GATE.
- GATE activity last week, visual escape room.
- District launching this week an opt-in process. Email will go to everyone, and they choose what they want to opt -in for those communications they are interested in.
- Pacheco – had 10 kids came to GATE activity last month at lunch. Stephanie Caswell came in and conducted it. She knew a lot of the kids too. We will continue to build on that.
- Michelle – maybe do different times for different events?

ELAC/DELAC Report – Sara Oscanoa:

- Had 2nd meeting. Had 7 families come. Did award to students who made great progress in classes. Had goodie bags, food, chocolate. Mrs. Gould came and did a demonstration, and the kids did a math lesson for the parents on the white boards.
- Next meeting is January. School is working on Science and Engineering lesson.
- Paige – took a Field Trip to the Getty Villa – took newcomers, have limited English. Me and Mrs. Wutkee planned everything. Tied in with their curriculum. Hopefully do another field trip with all ELD students in the Spring.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Had first in person meeting! Went great.
- Reviewed member roles and responsibilities and purpose of advisory council.
- Existing subcommittee reports and updates. Have an Elementary Subcommittee and a Secondary Subcommittee.
- Reminder – people do not need to be on the board to be involved in subcommittees. Want to start a rules and bylaws subcommittee.
- Provide feedback on LCAP survey.

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- Presentation from Dr. Dwight Rogers – Draft Diversity Equity and Inclusion 5-year plan. Got to leave feedback on that to ensure inclusion with LGBTQ+ youth.
- Great public comments supporting our transgender youth.
- Next meeting is Nov. 30th at 9:30am – at University Center MPR.
- The opt-in form will have all committees on there so parents can easily opt in to what they want to know about.

PSTA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- We are lower on fundraising. Adding more family food nights.
- Helpful to have PTSA club, they did a bake sale. Olivia – said it went well.
- Going to be writing a check soon for Gaga Ball Pit.
- Turn in School Cents receipts. Box in front office. Phone app works great too.
- Martina - Can we add the marquee birthday message on the front page of LC website? Hard to find.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Shauna Berman:

- Not present.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – have a release day tomorrow. Going to analyze data on how students are doing for first quarter.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Last week was tough for losing our band director.
- His wife is Strings teacher - we have had subs, hard on kids. New Strings sub is Mike Doty - started yesterday. He wants to do a springs concert at Westlake.
- Quarter grades came out – going to go over data next meeting.
 - SEL data, how are kids feeling at school.
 - Math/English Benchmark data will be presented.
- PTSA doing amazing job fundraising. Need another hydration station outside near lunch area. Trying to get ASB funds. McCarthy suggested applying for a grant.
- Flexible seating – all teachers interested gave me orders. \$4,000 set aside for that. Teachers gave me wish lists. Kids enjoy the flexible seating.
- Maybe putting TV monitors in hallways announcing bell schedules, clubs, announcements, etc. Wiring is the most expensive.
- Getting lunch tables with shade. \$3,000 for table with fiberglass umbrella. Heavy to ship.
- Nov. 1st great day – day off for students. Working on making sure every class connects relevance in all our classes. Trying to build collaboration. Build student voice in classroom.
- RTI
- Sport-O-Rama - energy was awesome
- Athletics –
 - Our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams going to championship. 8th grade team is favored.
 - 8th grade girls volleyball – plays tonight. 6th and 7th grade volleyball teams undefeated, never lost a game.
 - Boys soccer team finished 3rd.
 - Getting ready for fall tryouts – 7th & 8th girls basketball and 7th & 8th grade boys basketball.
- PSAT – only middle school in district offering to 8th graders. Had 60 students sign up so far. Dec. 10th is the test.
- Outdoor school parent meetings – 8th grade goes in January. 6th grade goes in February.

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- Future Leopard Night is in person on Nov. 15th. In the Gym, have speakers, jazz band perform, choir perform. Have 4 rotations. Activities in the MPR, PTSA, Clubs. In Library, discuss counseling program.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Olivia Chiu presentation – Kids in Ukraine fundraiser.

- We decided which organizations we are donating too.
- Set up teams.
- Will talk with PTSA today to see about help.
- One idea - Ticket competition – each ticket is \$1.00 during 1st period. Buy from first period teacher – and the class that sold most tickets gets a class party.
- Maybe do a bake sales after school – start in January.
- Link to website for donations. Goal is to raise \$1500!
- One day have a double ticket day.
- Suggestion – could also get parents to donate something to raffle off. Incentives.

Public Concerns

No public comments.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk