

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

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, Jen Wutkee, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Julia Blietz, Candi Garrett, Diane McBride, Cindy Mayling, Ashley B.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

7th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- My teacher is getting upset with students for not knowing Google Classroom. The student couldn't ask questions because the meeting was being recorded.
- Teacher was teaching a concept but not how to do it. Had to teach myself. Could not ask questions.
- Having a lot of tech issues and teachers are teaching differently. Kids are struggling to figure it out.
- PE teacher – he is doing it very well. We did a scavenger hunt assignment around Canvas which was very helpful. More teachers should do this.
- Some teachers doing breakout rooms, but no one is talking so kind of hard.
- Leadership class switched so now have an LC teacher for Leadership.

7th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- I am doing online school and doing well.
- Canvas is a little confusing but I will get used to it. We are used to Google Classroom. Couldn't see classes, I think Canvas will be good once the technical difficulties will be solved.
- Overall I think online school is going better than I thought.

8th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- This school year is different than planned. I'm actually having an amazing experience with Canvas. Sometimes it can be glitchy. I like how everything is located in one place.
- This year I am really enjoying my classes and with Cohort B, I get to sleep in.
- My sister is in 6th grade and having more technical difficulties. I'm hoping we can set foot on campus in 2021 even if we are social distancing and wearing masks.

8th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- So far I think all the teachers are doing great.

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- Zooms are 75 minutes long, which is a long time to sit through class. I know that we need in person learning so we can't change that.
- I agree with Gweneth, Canvas is working pretty well.
- I appreciate everyone's hard work.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Very busy beginning of the school year. We are working with Cohorts and trying to initially place students between RAM (Remote) and the blended schedule at LC. Trying to work out glitches on that. Our cohorts are not balanced for when we return to school.
- Sending out postcards through the mail to all the kids just to say hello and tell them we are thinking of them.
- Working on a new newsletter for both parents and students. To remind them of all the resources that are available. We set up office hours for students to reach out and make appointments (zoom). Finding the best ways to reach out and be available to our students. There are a lot of social emotional needs at this time. This has not been easy for our kids.
- We were informed that we are another roll DIS providers for some of our special ed kids. New thing for us. Will be time consuming due to legal constraints.
- If any students have any input as to the best ways for counseling to stay in touch. We are trying to be more present for the kids. Open to suggestions.
- Please get the word out to check our website for valuable information.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Have not had a meeting yet. Some schools are just appointing their DAC reps. So no news until usually October.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- No official meeting has happened yet.
- I've seen at LC is the teachers are very invested, communication is quick. Turnaround time for questions has been supportive and quick.
- Counseling – IEP services – counselor has reached out and been extremely accommodating.
- Challenges thru SEDAC Reps – Frustration among English learnings and sped English learners. Not enough time in essential classes, having 2 periods of English is a struggle for vulnerable groups. No repetition in math. Hard to learn.
- Support during afternoon reinforcement time – there is no support and these groups need the support.
- If a lesson is taught in Cohort A the reinforcement assignment - would like it posted immediately, not later in afternoon.
- Teachers have been supportive.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- Having our first meeting this Friday at 9:15 am via zoom.
- Excited to work with Mrs. Bartlett as our GATE facilitator for Los Cerritos.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rocio Perez-Turijan/Brandy Pacheco:

- No new schedule on DELAC/ELAC meetings.

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- Brandy - ELAC – we are working on scheduling DELAC meetings. Talking about having training sessions for parents. Carmen and Brenda have been assisting parents to help them navigate because technology has been difficult for students and parents. That is in the works now.

PSTA Report – Julia Blietz:

- We lowered our fundraising threshold for this year due to the pandemic. Happy to report that during orientation, we already met it.
- Goal this year is to make sure our PTSA board for this year and next year is not left in dire straits. Have about 60% of the members this year compared to last year. Encourage people to join.
- Sold LC face masks as a new fundraiser. Will be selling them through PTSA website very shortly. Membership and donations are even more vital at this time.
- PTSA will have more restaurant nights to support local business. Creative with fundraising.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Andrew Lorenzo:

- Club is full right now. We currently have about 15 Los Cerritos students. We are practicing social distancing. All enrichment rooms are now classrooms. Kids wearing mask using classrooms throughout the day.
- We are all learning how to support the students with this new way of learning.
- If teachers do not provide extra activities, we step in to provide extra support.
- Everyone is learning everyone's schedules. Kids are separated in different age groups. Big learning curve for everyone.
- Teachers contact us for students that need extra help.
- Karen M. asked if we can we contact B&G Club if we have kids struggling. Andrew replied yes please do.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Single School Plan – currently do not have any data, no testing completed last year. Figure out internally how to get data points.
- Mrs. Michaud will bring forth our safety plan for a vote next meeting.
- Enrollment right now is 840 students – last year it was 965. Lost 8th graders and small 6th grade class.
- Blended vs Remote debate – 604 families chose to be blended, all LC teachers. The class size is between 30 – 33 students. PE classes have about 40-50 students.
- Challenges in cohort balancing. Gave 55 sections to remote school. Tighter with movement in our school. At trimester – if kids want to return, how do we do that. Need to add teachers to bring students back.
- If teachers choose to record a lesson – strict rules on privacy, not allowed to record your visual and anything a student says. Teacher has to keep the video quiet and therefore no questions can be asked. If having issues with remote teachers – please reach out to me.
- Created a remote master schedule – got 1060 students who are remote across all middle schools. Over 93 teachers who are on remote schedule.
- Working hard on the return for students. We measured hallways to see if students can go both ways in hallway, not enough room – halls will need to be one way – stairwells will be one way. 500 individual floor stickers with arrows – when you walk in it will look different.
- No lockers will be used, students will use backpacks. Communication to parents regarding screening and lunch. Hand sanitizers have been installed inside. Bag urinals and handwashing stations because not 6 ft apart.
- When we reopen will be ready to go to keep students safe.
- Questions –
 - Gweneth - will there be a safety video or do we just figure it out?

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- Yes, Leopard will make a video to help students navigate the halls and where to go.
- Andrea – has there been discussion for vulnerable groups coming back early? Waiver is not needed per Ventura guidelines.
 - No guidance yet – would love to bring them on campus as quickly as we can.
- Back to School Night – will be Sept 10th all virtual – detailed directions will send to families on Monday. Access Zoom accounts thru student canvas accounts. Wondering about teacher’s videotaping so parents who can’t attend can watch.
- Challenges this year – rolling out new platform – Canvas – issues with Q and Canvas talking to each other.
- Two to three days calls coming in to help students/parents get on to zoom.
- Glitch with Chromebook and zoom. It’s a national Chromebook problem. Chrome is working to rectify those issues.
- Look at attendance for student – no longer using present and absence – now is distance learning present and distance learning absent. If student is absent during their time but complete the work – they will be marked distance learning present. Not a truancy.
- Mrs. Pacheco – two new interventions:
 - Mr. Pyle is doing math help. During per. 1 will be available both morning and afternoon. All grades can log in to get help. Info is on counseling website.
 - Working with WHS students (LC Alum) – their goal was to give back to LC – coming in afternoons to help 6th graders. Weds afternoon for 6th grade intervention. Getting names of students who can benefit from small group help. Via zoom initially but hopefully be on campus. Running in September.
- Jason – we have two vacant parent representative positions for SSC council. Looking forward to having our 2 new reps. Doing 6th grade leadership shortly – then we will have 6th grade reps.
- Last year goals was to create subcommittee on dress code. With planning for the beginning of the school year, that hasn’t happened. We will look at dress code and see if changes need to be made. Anyone on this committee can be involved in that subcommittee.
- Annual notices – summer mailers – this year 100% digital – still have 400 families have not filled out forms.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

2020/2021 Board Elections:

- A ballot was created and went out yesterday for vote via Google Docs. Ballot will close on Friday, Sept. 4th. Once results come in Jason will verify results with Jamie.
- Michaud discussed the Wednesday Cohort schedule.

Jamie – would love to hear from teachers:

- Jen W – students have been awesome. Better in class but I have enjoyed the students and they are being very patient and supportive.
- McBride – started with challenges with zoom and everything. I’m thrilled the kids have been troopers with it. Nobody is falling behind and everyone is encouraged. Talk about other classes too. They feel supported.
- Budy – 6th graders are doing well, most can get on zoom and some are struggling but they are getting into the routine. We are all starting to figure things out.
- Karen M – teachers are on Zoom talking for 6 hrs straight and that is crazy – but our teachers have gone above and beyond and so impressed by them.
- Jamie - Questions in chat about zooms going out –

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- Kim – if kids call, give it a few minutes and try to log in again. Or log off and log back in. If they can't get on, email the teachers.
- Jamie suggest telling parents about Chromebook Zoom issue – parents might find that helpful. Huge stress situation on our end.

Public Concerns

No public concerns to report.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk