

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
August 31, 2022**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Sydney Katz, Kacy Butcher, Brandy Pacheco, Rachel Jordan, Paige Gonzalez, Marina Ziegenfuss, Pam VanUden, Sonja Montiel, Clare Cee, Michelle McEvoy, Patti Reis, Deanna Camacho, Seyda Cumhur, Katie Dahm, Nicole Campos, Carolina Hernandez, Carie Swanson

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:31am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

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- No Report.

7th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Not Present

7th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Postponed Report.

8th Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

8th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Postponed Report.

Counselor's Report – Carolina Hernandez:

- I am subbing Counselor for Mrs. Poe so I have students with last names A thru K.
- We helped with 6th grade students finding their way.
- Wrapping up scheduling, finalizing schedule change requests.
- Starting to schedule 504 meetings and case conferences. Hoping to get done Sept./Oct.
- Sending out survey to students to get a feeling of their interests or what groups we need to create. Getting group supports for students.
- Have wellness center going and have a new wellness counselor. Working with students who have been referred to wellness counselor. They will work with us throughout the school year.
- Setting up virtual meetings with the counselors. First meeting will be in late Sept. or early October.
- Bringing one lesson per grade level each semester. During in PE classes.
- All counselors in district, will receive training on new counseling program.

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- Jason – trying to identify students who are alone and figure a way to connect them with students that have similar taste. Find out what clubs we need to create.

DAC Report – Sonja Montiel:

- No report.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

- Introduction to the group. Has a 6th grader here at LC. I was SEDAC rep at Aspen Elem.
- I have a list of meetings and first one is in October. I usually send writing in advance to the meeting.

GATE Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- Introduction to the group. Assume the first meeting will be in October as well. Will report then.

ELAC/DELAC Report – TBD:

- No Report.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Introduction to the group. Have a new 6th grader at LC. I was a Rep at Ladera last year and I'm on the Executive Board as the Secretary. We are working to hear from students and parents, you don't have to part of the LGBTQ community to be involved or come to meetings. We are working to make a safe environment for LGBTQ students.

PSTA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- I got a 7th grader this year at LC. I am the PTSA Vice President and was VP last year. Looking forward to getting all information out to you guys.
- Starting tomorrow, School Cents Program – when you go to the TO Mall, spend money and keep receipts to get points for LC. Money goes towards shaded lunch area.
- Jason – the PTSA has already given \$250 to every teacher for whatever they need, and \$1,000 for every department, and they have set aside money for student enrichment and campus enhance. It's the best way to donate money for the school.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Shauna Berman:

- Not present.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher- great start to the new year.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Mrs. Pacheco – Feels like we are off to good start. Counselors working hard to balance classes.
- Ms. Gonzales – We are still looking for an ELAC/DELAC representative. Have been contacting parents so hopefully we will have a rep by next meeting. Our first school dance will be this Friday and looking forward to that.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Single School Plan

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- Jason shared presentation on state test score data on Language Arts and Math Goals.
- Reviewed the actions needed for all goals and how money will be allocated on each goal.

Public Concerns

Hi, My name is Jennifer Joseph, and my daughter Lexie is in 7th grade here at LC. I know the "no backpacks in the classroom" rule was a long standing rule at LC prior to covid. But, obviously during covid things changed, therefore rules changed. Just because most things are back to normal, that does not mean the rule needs to be put back in place. Change is how we improve things. Having 1-1 chrome books has improved the learning experience for our students, but with this technology, other things need to be considered. Asking these middle school students to carry binders, folders, spirals and a chrome book to class each day is a lot to ask. It is just a matter of time before chrome books are dropped and broken. There is very minimal time during passing periods to go back to lockers, especially for 7th graders with downstairs classrooms and upstairs lockers. Also, it has been cited that this is due to space inside the classroom, but somehow the high schools have no issue with this, and have just as many students in small classrooms, and have always allowed backpacks in the classroom. One last thing, in the email sent before school, it was offered that students could use a drawstring/tote type bag, except that some teachers have already said that that would not be allowed in their classroom. So, I am asking for you to reconsider the backpack rule for students to have an easier time navigating the school with all of their supplies. Thank you!

Martina – plus one on that comment. I have a student in IEP program. Trying to figure it out for my student. I would buy a small backpack. If we allowed backpacks, it would alleviate a lot of stress.

Kacy – would be great to have backpacks back. Tripping hazard, so is there loose stuff on floor. Takes a lot of time out of class trying to get organized. Students are bringing satchel, or smaller ones, hard to differentiate which backpack would be allowed.

Deanna – agree, talked to several students, they feel disorganized without their backpacks. If going to lockers before class, they are late. Last year, Madison had a teacher that allowed one wall to line up against the wall. Tripping hazard was taken away.

Michelle – too many loose items that kids have to carry without a backpack.

Jason – A lot of discussion has gone into this subject. Here 11 years, last 2 years were the only years we allowed backpacks. Looking back, I don't recall having one complaint. One change, adding a chromebook.

Parents are annoyed with me. I understand that.

School safety – I like to see what students are carrying. In the era of school shootings, I get comfort knowing what students are carrying.

Backpacks are overloaded, going up stairs, seen students pull kids by backpacks, backpacks are left everywhere. Stashed in MPR, stashed in lockers not their own, stashed in classrooms. Had problems with backpacks everywhere. We had theft issues.

Guess how many tardies we had in 180 days, we had over 8,000 tardies, that's with with backpacks.

I am in data collection phase now. Waiting to see kids figure it out. Want to buy cases for their chromebook. For now, rule will stay but if a problem, then will change.

Pam – getting the kids prepared for school and life, you suggested kids look at schedule to minimize visits to locker. We brainstormed with kids yesterday. Trying to get kids organized.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk