

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 3, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Gina Sillers, Jason Klinger, Eli Nudel, Sydney Katz, Shauna Berman, Caitlin Stephens, Scott Foli, Kaylin Kelly, Clare Cee, Olivia Chiu, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales, Kacy Butcher, Michelle McEvoy, Thomas Fernlund

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- The gaga ball pit is very popular. Kids tend to yell at each other. Very fun activity.
- Ball Room – it's been 60% less crowded since gaga ball pit open.

6th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel:

- Not much to report since back from spring break.
- 6th Grade has started CAASPP testing. Pretty boring, not as bad as everyone says.
- Ball Room – announcements on shutting down ball room because people are throwing trash and not being respectful.

Klinger – do you feel prepared for testing?

- Olivia – feel prepared in math because we have a week of block schedule to study. For English, I didn't feel as prepared. Feel like we need more practice in class with essays. In SS and Science we listen to a passage and answer questions.
- Sydney – mostly prepared, with doing Read Theory. The passages are weird and boring and there is no prompt. Hard to write an essay on it.
- Butcher – the prompts are buried in the text and kids aren't seeing it. Practice with students in finding prompts in long paragraphs.
- Brandy – trying to align our wording with the test, but they changed the test.
- Kaylin – people are anxious, including me. Kids are jumpier now. Students are stressed – from the test itself. Fear of failing vs just taking a test.
- Eli – Benchmarks and state testing are more stressful.
- Thomas F. – I feel students are scared because testing affects their grades, but it is just to see what the progress it and how well teachers taught subject matter.

7th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- No Report.

7th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- No Report.

8th Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

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8th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- For 8th grade we have Science state testing this week and my teacher said there is no way to prepare.
 - Klinger – there is no way to prepare, it's required to assess all 8th grade science, it assesses three years of science.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Not present.
- Klinger – Counselors are still extremely busy and finalizing course requests and schedules. Dealing with students with anxiety.

DAC Report – Sonja Montiel:

- Not present.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

- Not Present.

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- Nothing to report – no meeting in April.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Nothing to report. Have ELAC meeting coming up on May 11th – doing an Engineering Activity with Mrs. Gould.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Not present.

PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Not Present

Boys & Girls Club Report – Shauna Berman:

- Not much to report.
- Introduce Kaitlyn who is our program coordinator.
- Things are slow with block schedule.
- Accepting applications for Summer Camp registration. Elementary and middle school will be at my site. There are also sites at Colina middle school and Sequoia middle school. Registration is open.

Teacher Reports:

- Van Uden – no report – excited for carnival.
- Butcher – no report.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Universal Studios coming May 19th. First school to switch it up and leave Magic Mountain. Have 200 8th graders going. Universal is safer than Magic Mountain.
- 8th Grade promotion parent meeting on May 24th will be a webinar.
- Promotion Dance – June 9th for 8th graders only.
- All 8th graders will get to go to the Reagan Library to see Auschwitz Exhibit. Regan Library has sponsored all middle schools to come. Will be looking for chaperones. All day event on June 1st.
- Prepping for Awards Night on May 18th. Doing 6th/7th at 5:30 and 8th at 7:00-7:15.
 - Three Categories: Academic Excellence – have 95% or above in Semester 1 and Quarter 3, Academic Achievement – grown and progressed in subject matter, and Character Award – 1 or 2

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students who exhibited great character. Last between 40-50 minutes. Sending out emails early next week. Will do an awards practice.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

RTI Vote –

- Teachers voted last week to change RTI program. Voted 90% to approve the change to the bell schedule. Regular days are M, T, Th, and F. Flex Day (Minimum Day) is Wednesday. A day to provide enrichment and support.
- Will present to the board tonight. Once approved, a communication will go out to parents.
- Question – if you don't need intervention – teachers can continue with new material.

Single School Plan for 2023-2024 -

- Shared Q3 benchmark data results. Goal was 75% or greater.
 - Bigger gap with ELD and SPED. Did not accelerate as much.
 - Doing well on class tests but not getting higher scores on district test.
- Budget Allocations –
 - OTRM \$31,266 Target Remedial Fund to support EL, SPED, SED, Foster/homeless.
 - ESR3 \$62,744 – Learning Loss resources and intervention. Last time we will receive these funds.
 - Title II \$900 - for professional development.
- All chairs are giving me what they need regarding goals. Decided not to change any goals.
- Reviewed each of the five proposed goals for 2023-2024 school year and the went over the metrics used to measure their progress.
- Is there anything we need to consider as a staff to change for next year?
 - Announcements cannot be heard outside.
 - Olivia – maybe send out a survey to all students to see what they would like or how they are feeling.
 - Thomas – teachers should try and be aware of context with students and not assume a student is doing something wrong.
 - Kaylin – teachers need to be more strict with phones. Kids are tricky placing phone computers to hide phones.
 - Sydney – with taking tests, phones can be placed in the container. Maybe require computers to be shut when testing.
 - Michelle – what about phones placed down on corner of desk
 - Butcher – how about having a shoe organizer and phones get put in there.
- Will send out a google survey to everyone to get feedback from parents.

Public Concerns

No Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk