

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2021**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Brandy Pacheco, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Nicole Flores, Ashley B., Nicole Campos, Adrian S., Cindy Mayling, Sydney K., Bennish Kahn, Leslie Chicas, Seyda Cumhur, Kacy Butcher, Rachel Fischbach, Katie Dahm, Clare C., Olivia C., Deanna Camacho, Donna Lloyd

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Excited for Red Ribbon Week and the Halloween dance.
- Liking RTI – nice to have time to do work.
- Notice in hallways or classroom, people wear mask below nose. Think it's an accident. Teacher reminds them and they fix it.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- I really like the RTI because I feel like I can get my work done especially when I have a lot of homework and activities after school.
- I'm also excited for Red Ribbon Week – excited to do all the activities.
- In class, teachers have started letting us write our homework down before class. It's helpful.
- Kids older than me talking about this school looks like a prison. Thank goodness for the windows being added.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- RTIs are fun and I really enjoy them. It really helps with kids like me who have after school extracurricular activities and sports to catch up on work.
- Some classroom hand-sanitizers are not working or empty. I think we need to put more up.
- Excited for Red Ribbon Week.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- It's nice that we are having a Halloween dance this year.
- Looking forward to Sport o Rama for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Just started the first Mindset Monday group in leadership and it's going well.
- ASB doing community outreach – we did a treat for workers but they took down our poster.
- For October, we are working on something for Breast Cancer Awareness and Red Ribbon Week.
- Looking forward to dress up days this month - costumes, Red Ribbon week, and wearing Pink on Friday for breast cancer awareness.

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Halloween Dance will be different this year, outside near tennis courts and no haunted house. Fear most kids won't go since there is no haunted house.
- A lot of people get the free meals but since not enough kids raise their hands the cafeteria runs out of meals. Kids will grab what food items they want and throw the rest of the food away.
- This Friday is wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- So far school is going smoothly and teachers are assigning the perfect amount of work.
- Some kids put backpacks in their next class after PE.
- In Leadership, we are working on Birthday grams. We passed out September birthdays and are now working on the rest.
- Teachers should be a good role model for students.
- Working on Knights of Monday presentations for Leadership.
- Teachers understand importance of group projects.
- False fire drill the other day, was a surprise for everyone but we all got out okay.
- On Wednesdays when the counselors talk on zoom. Thought it would be boring, but I really enjoy having that one day to improve study habits.

### Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Started doing SEL (social emotional learning) lessons on Wednesdays, as part of RTI and Thursday is academic portion. We do it for the whole school via zoom. Today is the third lesson, at times we have technical difficulties. This lesson is on time management and organization.
- Moving forward with Second Step (district provide curriculum) – more into social emotional topics.
- Working on Coffee with Counselors – hoping to start in November. Might do it with all MS or just our school. Will be on Zoom. Will be a Forum for parents.
- Started working with the D and F list. First Quarter is almost over. Not enough grades in gradebook so many show Ds or Fs.
- Very busy – many social emotional issues coming up. Adjustment for kids to be here all day.

### DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Meeting was held on September 14. During meeting was introductions and training.
- What is DAC? DAC is the district advisory council for CVUSD, which is comprised of a parent representative from each school site. In addition, the council has an elected executive board, and oversight from our newly appointed assistant superintendent of instruction, Kenny Loo.
- Superintendent Dr. Mark McLaughlin attends regularly, to answer questions and provide input, and, as a collective group, we report about happenings at our schools, as well as concerns or issues to be addressed.
- We also have representatives from various other DACs provide updates as well. Public DAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. The agenda information is on the district's website.
- Parent reps shared about the various start-of-the-year activities. As we know kids are excited to be back on campus!
- The district is hiring. Many of our school sites have openings for campus safety and para educator positions. Visit the Conejousd website for complete job listings.
- October is national bullying prevention month, and that October 20 is the district's Unity Day. Everyone was encouraged to check out: (<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/>)
- We saw a school opening report from district personnel, who shared what's happening at the various levels: elementary, middle and high school; as well as remote.

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- **ELEMENTARY:**
  - The new Wonders Language curriculum is in full use (it's a comprehensive PreK-5) literacy curriculum designed to reach all learners and provide equity of access
  - There's discussion of recess transitioning to by grade, instead of by zones
  - New online programs like Link, ixl, Lexia and mystery science
  - After-school enrichment programs via CRPD kicked off this week
  - 1:1 tech ratio; TK-2 should receive theirs soon (touch screen chrome books were ordered)
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**
  - Wellness counselor is avail 5 days a week and connects with school admin/counselors to provide direct support
  - Second Steps curriculum now universal — aimed to help students build tools related to self-awareness, self-management and decision making
  - Extra-curricular programs like Teen Center sports program and clubs are kicking into gear and the district has hired a new Outdoor School coordinator
  - Extra funding has allowed for smaller class sizes
- **HIGH SCHOOL:**
  - Three wellness centers – here's a WOW stat. Since school started, over 400 students have visited the wellness centers (breaks down to 5,000 minutes of support from the center psychologist/mental health experts) ... if a student is determined to need long-term support, parental permission is requested
  - There's now a gender neutral bathroom at each NPHS/TOHS/WHS sites
  - Efforts to diversify core lit and implement an ethnic studies course are underway
  - Interesting note for next year: new law pushes back H.S. start time to 8:30 a.m., which means there will be evaluation underway of how to make up the minutes (work into an extra period/extend the end of the day)
- **REMOTE/VIRTUAL:** 2.5% of enrolled students are virtual/at-home learners
- **NEW:** Newcomer's Academy at NPHS for students and families coming from other countries
  - Social worker hired to support these families through language and technology barriers, as well as direct them to community resources
  - Offers transportation from TOHS and WHS
  - Currently about 40 students enrolled in this academy
- **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
  - Staff/teachers received a full day of equity training prior to start of school
  - Staff working to assess overdue assessments/services
  - Increased mental health staff on campuses with intentional goal to hire bilingual
  - Planning for dual language immersion program to launch in 2022 at Conejo Elementary (English/Spanish)
- Discussion of the new hashtag #CVUSDFORWARD ... we, as a district, are looking forward. They hope to direct families to their website: <https://www.conejousd.org/CVUSD-Forward> for all updates related to COVID-19 and safety measures, student technology updates, free meals for all children at school, CVUSD FAQs and resource guides, etc.

### SEDAC Report – Deanna:

- Safety plan presentation by Gary Bradbury – focused on safety plans for students with disabilities, included information on safety drill training for staff. Explanation of annual survey done by Administration at school sites.
- Review this fall – plans to include all the overall safety plans.
- Stimulus funding – One time dollar will be given by the state for students with disabilities. The district received is \$559 per student (total \$1,181,000) to address learning loss. This was based on total number of students with IEPs back in 2019.

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- School district needs to create a plan on how to spend money – needed plan by Oct. 1. Reaching out to stake holders and reporting back.
- COVID info – district will be working with families who have IEPs and 504 plans to proceed with how to help them.
- School Choice applications – be available on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Transition meetings for MS to HS will meet on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6pm via zoom.
- Transition meetings for Elem to MS will meet on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm via zoom.
- The future meetings for Preschool to Elementary is not set yet.
- SEDAC time lines for job responsibilities have been updated. Visit SEDAC website there is a link for time lines on Google Drive.
- Unity Day on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> asking for all to wear orange – show unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

### GATE Report – Bennish:

- We had a meeting on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Some Enrichment activities are coming to Middle Schoolers –
  - Virtual JPL Tour on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 4pm. Share info with GATE parents.
  - Public speaking workshop through T.O. Library on Oct. 15-17 - register through Library website.
- Committee Updates –
  - An overview of the intent and direction for each committee was given. We are looking for GATE reps to share their voices on either the Curriculum/Equity or Enrichment/Grant committees. This can be done by either joining the committee or just emailing the executive board with your thoughts, opinions and/or concerns regarding these topics.
  - The district is committed to promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion throughout our school sites. GATE-DAC would like to be part of this work. We need our GATE-DAC reps to be the eyes and ears of positive DEI experiences at the school sites. If you see or hear of a positive DEI experience, please share with us at our next meeting.
- Request to know how many GATE families opted in for middle schools and what activities are coming up.
- We need to see what LC is planning.

### ELAC/DELAC Report – Pacheco:

- First ELAC meeting was not as successful. Some families did not receive all-call message. We will make sure when everybody is aware of the meetings. Next meeting in November and hopefully we will have a DELAC rep.
- Able to honor 42 ELD students who have increased ELPAC score. They moved up levels and are close to reclassification.
- There were only a couple of students at the ELAC meeting, the rest of students received their certificates and a candy.
- We have some things in place to further support our ELD students as well as the teachers who are supporting those students.

### PSTA Report – Deanna:

- We had the fundraiser at Fusion Grill – very successful, raised \$334 for the school.
- Looking forward to helping out with end of month dance. We are all available to help at dance.
- November family food night – still working on details.
- Please let us know what we as PTSA can do for the school.

### Boys & Girls Club Report – Leslie Chicas:

- To Brandy – please add me to the ESL list, I speak Spanish and would love to help.
- We have 77 kids registered for October. We go month to month.

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- This month, we are providing members and friends passes to come to the club. Oct. 15th first bring a friend day.
- Will email the flyer to Klinger. Counseling can share it with your families.
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> will be a minimum day.
- Lots of activities for the kids. Arts and crafts, sports, games, social emotional learning, etc.
- Halloween Party – Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – will be a bring a friend day.
- I noticed that a lot of students walk to Vons/Taco Bell – too many kids skating in area. I will target that area for those kids to join the club if they aren't picked up right away.

### Teacher Reports:

- Rachel Fischbach – back into routine – happy kids get to be back in classroom.
- During the SEL RTI, I have 8<sup>th</sup> graders and there is a lot of disengagement. Boring not fun. Working through with why we have to do things has been challenging.
- Seeing a lot of strength with being on task, getting things together – big improvement since beginning of year.

### Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- New CVUSD communications – Ventura health has adopted a 7-day quarantine for close contact. Have to test on day 5 and can return with negative test.
- Teachers doing a great job posting on canvas.
- Talk of Governors' vaccine mandate. District has been reviewing announcement. If anything is required, we will relate to parents. Just an announcement and not a policy yet.
- Conversations regarding people passing out flyers regarding demo of condoms. These are not in our family health unit so therefore not true and all call went out to parents.
- Pass on any questions, lots of talk at board level and in community. Science teachers are developing a plan to implement the Teen Talk and will have further communications going out through all 7<sup>th</sup> grade families, as we get closer.
- Thanks to Choir programs – Fall Y'All Show – Lots of work provided to kids and looking forward to winter performance. Still working on a location.
- Mentioned RTI – we started our first RTI session. Wed is social/emotional lessons because we are seeing increased stressed and anxiety in students. Teachers are trying to keep work at a manageable level.
- Outdoor School – looks like it will happen – we are finalizing contract. Once that happens, will have a meeting with parents. No conversation relating to including 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Michaud – Activities

- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – wear Pink.
- Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Sport-O-Rama
- The week before Halloween – Red Ribbon week – five different dress up day. Friday – Halloween costumes.
- Halloween dance – if indoors we need to require masks. Moved to Futsol courts outside – not a lot of lighting – will be dark. Ordering new lighting. Inflatable will be added. ASB is working hard on what to add.
- Clubs are up and running – 13 different lunchtime clubs so far on variety of days. Clubs are announced every day in morning and Mrs. Sillers lists them in Leopard Letter.

### Old Business

No old business

New Business

Approval School Safety Plan 2021-2022 - Michaud

- Highlighted parts are new to plan.
- Went over all categories of safety plan.
- No questions or concerns.
  - Motion to approve safety plan as presented.
  - Seconded and approved. NO discussion.
  - Safety Plan has been approved.

Public Concerns

No public concerns.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk