

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 12, 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, Clare Clare, Patti Reis, Michelle McEvoy, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales, Shauna Berman, Olivia Chiu, Kacy Butcher

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Upcoming school events – Sport-O-Rama, haven't done it but looking forward to it.
- Halloween dance is coming up as well.
- Day of Awesomeness – Step it Up if you got over \$50 in donation, you get to attend day of awesomeness.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Eli Nudel:

- In Social Studies class we started learning about Mesopotamia.

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

- In Leadership we had our first LTA, was okay for first one, but we didn't plan it out better. We had a water balloon event and was used inappropriately.
- Halloween Dance coming up and figuring out the games.
- Sometimes we get a lot of teachers assigning a lot of tests. Could teachers talk to one another so they don't issue too many tests.
  - Klinger – next month can you monitor your testing and let's see?
  - Butcher – in the past we had something in the workroom where teachers can list when they are testing. Not everyone used it, not consistent. What if each dept. had a specific day that they tested?
  - Klinger – concerned about lack of flexibility.
- Last year one student brought up the Macy letter writing at Christmas and it's a great idea to give to others. Find a way to do something fun and raising money for kids in Ukraine, cancer, charities. Can we do something like this at our school?

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Recently we had a Choir concert. Really fun.
- Beginning of the year, in one class the teacher is giving detentions for forgetting their chromebooks. It's hard to remember all the things we need for class. Could teachers give a warning for the first offense?
  - Klinger – We used to have carts for all chromebooks. But since 1:1, students are not putting computers in carts. Teachers only have 5 computers per cart.
  - Eli – usually the same kids are forgetting their chromebooks.
  - Kacy – yes, a lot of forgetfulness.
  - Sydney – always the same kids who forget.

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- Jordan – some kids just don't have the ability to remember things they don't see, out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Excited for Halloween.
- Too much homework. Almost 3 hours.

### Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Still doing 504 meetings in the mornings. Do them in the fall at beginning of school year.
- Referrals coming in for our Wellness Counselor. He is here Tuesday and Fridays. Open at lunch, yesterday we had 25 kids there... games and a quiet place to hang out. For kids who don't want to be on the yard.
- Originally by invitation only, but news is spreading.
- Starting a Future Planning group on Tuesdays – working with high achieving students – planning, high school readiness. Mrs. Poe's sub, Carolina, has been amazing with the EL students.
- Working with foster students – meet with and provide extra support.
- Working through our D and F progress report. Speak to them about support and grades.
- Ongoing walk-ins for anxiety. There is a lot of anxiety this year.

### DAC Report – Sonja Montiel:

- Sept. 13 was my first meeting and didn't realize how big and formal it was. When it was my time to speak, I shared how proud we were that Sydney is our first VP Chair.
- Our backpack policy models resiliency. Created a great conversation.
- National Hispanic month – Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.
- Disabilities month - October
- Unity Day – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – national anti-bullying day.
- Kenny Loo – need to use new language so he came up with “soaring to new heights”. Instead of pandemic.
- Safety protocols.
- Culture of wellness and connection.
- Review of the Brown Act and the Green Act – about meetings (transparency, closed meetings, etc.).

### SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss (not present):

- Unity Day – October 19. Wear orange to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.
- Reflections – Currently happening and due Monday/Tuesday.
- CRPD Therapeutic Recreation Unit - The Conejo parks and rec has therapeutic recreation classes and are looking to add more in the next winter catalog. There are also opportunities to have your child's program paid for if needed, so their report welcomes anyone needing class support like this to contact them for financial assistance.
- SELPA virtual training - On Wednesday 10/12 from 4-6pm, SELPA is offering training on improving social outcomes for parents of kids with autism.
- TO Arts - There are several opportunities for the arts provided by TO Arts. Please visit their website for more information on virtual performances, in person performances and grant opportunities. [www.toarts.org](http://www.toarts.org)
- The SEDAC group are thinking about committees for the year with focus on:
  - Communication/New Member
  - Disability Celebrations
  - Curriculum
  - Safety

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- Transitions – Big T, Little T
- Mental Health/SEL/Wellness Centers - Last year a lot of great information (including a Diversity Celebration Toolkit) came from these committees, so there's a lot of excitement around what the teams can do this year.

### GATE Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- First meeting was last week and 2 hours long.
- It feels tricky to advocate for GATE kids at a time when everyone is concerned with learning loss. They have different needs.
- How do I get emails for opt in communication? Klinger – I will send those to you.
- RTI schedule great opportunity to do something for GATE kids, offer them opportunities.
  - Klinger - We still don't have a teacher GATE Rep. Once we get the opt-in, we can send a survey to our kids/parents to see what activities they want.

### ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Had our first ELAC meeting only 2 parents came. We asked for feedback. Changing the time to 6:30pm to make it easier for parents, in person. Doing it around the Day of the Dead.
- Recognition of top ELD students this year.
- Students will teach the parents a lesson on what they are learning.
- Next meeting will be Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in person in the library.

### LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Had an exec board meeting couple weeks ago.
- First meeting in person will be Oct. 26 in the morning.
- We have to have security at our DAC meeting. Talking about how to stay safe.
- After meeting I will have the language for our opt-in report. We ask that people involved are accepting of the community.
- Once get going with opt-in, want to talk more about clubs.
- We have reps from the other middle schools too, so I will get info from them.

### PSTA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- We have started a PTSA club at lunch time. Today is the first meeting.
- Help get fundraisers word out to parents.
- Still doing School cents. We are midway into our goal.
- Moved our website over to membership toolkit. On LCMS website, click on PTSA, be directed to membership toolkit. Members will receive emails.
- 3 to 1 ratio – for every one fundraiser, we need to sponsor for new programs.

### Boys & Girls Club Report – Shauna Berman:

- On non school days in November – we are open. Not at this site, but at Redwood MS. EL students are free.
- Enrichments for winter – crocheting, a science fair, Picasso art, etc.
- We have the most ELOP kids. ELOP kids are in free reduced lunch program. Got 85% of those kids are getting before school, lunch, and after school support.
- Bring a friend Fridays to promote club.
- Got a huge number of underwear donations. If anyone has needs, please stop by.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher- district benchmarks coming up, using online program. Used to have district benchmarks, now when students test, the info will go directly to the district.
- Benchmarks are a common assessment. Measure of kids' progress. Mastery Correct is the new program.
- Assessments – we did common lit assessment on students reading levels. Make sure we are meeting the needs of kids.
- Jason has offered teachers the opportunity to get an iPad with Doceri on it. Allows you to walk around the classrooms. More mobile.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Last year was challenging, nice to see kids again here.
- Special Min Days – end of each of major grading period. Get out at 12:09pm. Happening 3 times a year: October, January and mid march. Will send out to info to all parents. No lunch, but will have nutrition.
- Pupil free day coming up Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Construction – pretty much done, out of money. PE area, painted wall and ceiling. Now we have a big dirt area that was supposed to be a lunch area. We don't have enough shade, maybe use fiberglass umbrellas. Working on options.
- PTSA might get us a gaga ball pit. Great PE activity. Pit cost about \$3,000 and need to get rubber mats. Just have to decide where to put it.
- Trying to get another hydration station somewhere close to the lunch area. Working with ASB.
- Love the RTI enrichment idea. We could offer opportunities to GATE kids a fun activity. But most like to finish homework.
- Is RTI beneficial/lower stress? Olivia - In RTI some kids are not on task, doing other things. Teacher doesn't watch.
- Butcher – a lot of kids want to be on their computer. Can we Landschool (see their screens) other students chromebooks that aren't our students? We use the Progress Monitoring sheet. Make adjustments.
- Klinger – Common lit pre-assessment data. Giving assessments 3 times throughout the year. Jason went over the data on progress monitoring.
  - Common Lit pre-assessment
  - Read Theory Data
  - D/F Data Report

Old Business

No old business

New Business

- 2022-2023 School Safety Plan – Review and Approval
  - Changed the plan to update new staff members. Updated who is in charge and where does everyone go. New shed came in, the shed will be our emergency supply storage (food, water, canopies, S&R supplies).
  - Student Release Team – we need to identify the best way to connect students with their parents.
  - Search and rescue teams – staff for zones will be staff and volunteers.
  - Location of emergency equipment.
  - Procedures – following CHAMPS. Last drill it took us 8 minutes last drill to get all forms in.
  - Evacuation Attendance Form – updated to use boxes.
  - Lock-down procedures – we need to train kids in a lock down. Working on language.
  - TOPD will come and train our staff.
  - Questions –

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- Sonja – How about using visual cues?
- Olivia – will you tell teachers so they can go over it with us.
- Make a motion to approve the School Safety Plan as presented. Motion seconded.
- 2022-2023 School Safety Plan Approved.

### Public Concerns

No public comments.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk