

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
October 4, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Rachael Jordan, Eli Nudel, Daniel Nudel, Kaylin Kelly, Clare Cee, Olivia Chiu, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales, Karen McCarthy, Katie Dahm, Kacy Butcher, Caitlin Stephens, Reagan LaRue, Olivia Foster, Bonny Drago, Patti Reis, Michelle McEvoy

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:32.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Reagan LaRue:

- Coming up is Sport-O-Rama – all 6th graders are very excited, and we are all competitive.
- I'd like to be blue because they win.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Foster:

- Clubs are going really well. Club Rush was very fun and went well. Have 21 clubs now.
- Back to School dance was really fun, leadership shifts went well. It was a success.
- 6th grade girls volleyball game won against Colina.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Lunch Time Activity is this Friday, students wear pink.
- Olivia C – Breakfast isn't open for A period kids. Klinger – in the past we did serve breakfast at 8:45am, now it's opening at 8:30am

7th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Back to School Dance went very well considering it was first dance of the year. 350 kids attended.
- Feel there are multiple rules for GAGA ball, we will need to have LC rules.

7th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel

- Classes have been fun in general this year. Nice amount of tests. Homework is about 20 minutes a day, not bad.

8th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- School feels normal now getting in the swing of things.
- Recently had our Choir Concert for fall and it was fun.
- Starting to get ready for winter concert.

8th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- In Math starting Peer Teach – really fun, more engagement and students helping each other. Makes math more enjoyable.

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- Leadership – put out survey to students to see what they want to make school a better place.
- Results – wanted more events, awareness days, more spirit day, and participation days. Wanting more non leadership kids to get involved in school events.
- Focus on small goals. Then focus on bigger goals.
- Maui Fundraiser update – almost done, still waiting for check to come. Raised \$850 on bake sales.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Started lesson for 6th grade students - on Time Management and done through PE. Have 3 more lessons.
- I will have data at the next meeting to see if it's working.
- Newcomers group at lunchtime. We are going to have web leaders come and talk about friendship this week.
- Coffee with the Counselors on Oct. 12 at noon on Teams. Topic will be on Social Media. Popular topic.
- Speaker Talk - Engage is presenting on Reflective Parenting on Nov. 8th through Teams at 7pm.
- Kids are coming down more with anxiety.
- Having 504 reviews. Starting meeting with kids for D and F list.

DAC Report – Patti Reis:

- Had first meeting on Sept. 12th.
- Priorities for school year – decided by the leadership team.
 - Achievement for all students - SEL mental health, SEL curriculum, and engagement.
- Conejo Schools Foundation Starlite Soiree fundraiser coming up on Oct. 14. Discount tickets available till tomorrow. 20th anniversary.
 - Teachers – we only have one grant funding cycle this year for a \$300 grant. Deadline to apply is Oct. 13th.
 - This year Conejo Schools Foundation is covering Scripts spelling bee enrollment fee.
- Library presented their services. Have a future space planning meeting on Oct. 12th and open to public opinion.
- Measure I – different projects.
- Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 – Oct. 15.
- Anti-Bullying - Wear Orange Day is Oct. 18th.
- Public comments –
 - Crossing Guard – city is looking to remove some. Schools that have single digit usage might be losing their crossing guard.
 - Try to encourage people to walk to school and utilize crossing guards.
 - Suggested making independent study PE available to 6th graders.
- Klinger – Building Teaching Classrooms and Peer Teach in Math – invite members to come see them in action.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

- Overview of SARC, Dashboard, LCAP, SPSA (attached) - Presentation given by Denise Benic, Chair
- SEDAC Orientation - Presentation given by Erin Bell, Vice-Chair
- Discussion of Priorities (listed below)

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- Directors of Special Ed updates
- Priority 1: Achievement and overall success for **ALL** students by prioritizing and supporting opportunities for co-teaching, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Career Technical Education (CTE), academic pathways, transition planning from youth to adulthood, and inclusion, as well as supporting equity in opportunities across all school sites.
- Information gathered from the discussion:
Priority 1 concerns:
 - Lack of access and communication regarding resources like counseling, SLP, etc.
 - Awareness of pathways needs to be increased
 - Visual guideline
 - All information in multiple languages
 - Priority 1 solutions:
 - IEP meetings provided info
 - Toolkit provided to all admin/staff
- Priority 2: Supporting **ALL** students' mental health, and social emotional learning through strengthening campus culture; fostering and emphasizing student connection to their school communities through intentional, meaningful, and impactful opportunities for acceptance, inclusion, and friendship.
Priority 2 concerns:
 - Looks good on paper, but practical application is a concern
 - Opportunities for inclusive, genuine interaction
 - Felt mental health practices are a blanket approach
 - Used updated terminology related to disability
 - Priority 2 solutions:
 - More clubs on campus connection clubs not tied to specific interest
 - More communication about what each site is doing
 - More education for staff about supporting students with disabilities, more focused towards specific groups
 - Intentional planning for events- inclusive - Use disability celebrations toolkit
 - SEDAC reps present meaningfully to PTA/PTSA/PTO/ASB, etc.
- Priority 3: Increase SEDAC member engagement, and improve communication with all parents and guardians through collaborations with school site administration, School Site Council, PTAs/PTSAs/PFAs, and other educational partners, as well as provide opportunities to build relationships and connections, both virtually and in-person.

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- New chairperson – Spoke to new reps and discussed the districts vision on how the GATE program would work.
- There is a trio of people to help program work – DAC Rep, Administrator, and Facilitator.
- Goals – to get more equivalent. Some schools programs differ from each other. Hoping to make program more equal across the district.

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ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- First ELAC meeting – did a scavenger hunt on Q for parents and students. Had two parents come. Next one is November.
- Numbers declined this year. Mrs. Wutkee is planning a field trip.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- First meeting is last Wednesday.
- The Conejo Schools Foundation presented available funding for our advisory council and district teachers.
- CVUSD School Board has officially recognized October as LGBTQ+ History Month.
- Reviewed school subcommittees – anyone can be on subcommittee – if anyone wants to be on secondary subcommittee, please contact me.
- Future agenda items and topics for future talks. Welcome input.
- Parents can contact me with site success and concerns.
- Super DAC next Tuesday (All DAC reps get to go to a super DAC meeting), next meeting will be on Nov. 29th.

PTSA Report – Jason Klinger:

- PTSA gave each teacher \$250 to buy whatever they needed.
- Each department received \$1,000 plus almost \$10,000 in campus enhancements and student enrichments.
- Field trips for Spanish groups planned and PTSA will cover \$2000 in busses.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Caitlin Stephens:

- Getting ready for non-school day. Our Redwood site will be open. Offering free transportation from other clubs.
- Open 8-5 that day, \$16 for registered members.
- Offering ELOP support.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – getting into the swing of things. Going very smoothly.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Your input is always welcome.
- Did our one fundraiser and earned \$23,000 going to athletics, clubs, carnivals.
- Day of Awesomeness event is for kids that earned \$50 or more.
- Fall Y'all choir concert and Mr. Goldstein did amazing.
- First fire drill Sept. 20th – set goal of 9 mins. And we got it done in 7 mins.
- Today at 11:20 all phones will scream with emergency alert system.
- Prepping for Great American Shakeout – Oct. 19th nationwide.
- All students will do an SEL survey today.
- First grading period is progress report – only D and F reports will be out.
- End of Quarter is Oct. 20th.
- Nov. 2nd – Outdoor school parent meeting on Teams.

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- All fall sports underway, so far we are undefeated as a school.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Progress Monitoring – Klinger:

- Presented Pre-Assessment Data for CommonLit
 - Data included overall proficiency scores for each grade. Current 8th grade students scored the highest among the grade levels.
 - Literary Reading: Reviewed subscore data on Literary Reading for all students which included overall proficiency scores as well as the 8 subareas (Text evidence, central ideas, interaction of main characters, Word Choice, Text Structure, and Point of View/Purpose).
 - Informational Reading: Reviewed subscore data on Informational Reading for all students which included overall proficiency scores as well as the 8 subareas (Text evidence, central ideas, interaction of main characters, Word Choice, Text Structure, and Point of View/Purpose).
- Presented Scholastic Reading Inventory Scores (Literacy Pro):
 - Grade Level Data provided and was disaggregated by the following categories: Exceeded; Meets; Approaching; Not Met)
- Presented Narrative Pre-Writing Assessment Data. Reviewed subcategory information.

Safety & Emergency Protocols Presentation – Gonzales:

- Went over dates and times of drills throughout the year.
- Same format with addition of 4 forms.
- Classroom security plan with age-appropriate discussion activities.
- New building letters and updated gate numbers.
- Parent Check In & Student Release.
- Priority is safety.

September Parent/Guardian Workshop – Dahm:

- Presentation about the Owner's Manual for the Nervous System – very informative. It's nice to know that this Breakthrough student assisted program actually exists.
- They are working on the website. Our wellness center here is amazing. The next workshop is Monday November 6th. It's nice to know there are resources available for parents.
- Dan – COVID played a huge part in kids' anxiety. From personal experience it is available on a need-to-know basis. Should be more known.
- Bonny – working in ICU over last few years has seen more middle and high school kids coming in – mostly isolated. 14-year-olds coming in with alcohol overdose.
- Karen – on counseling website we have a resources page that post a variety of links to articles and presentations. Breakthrough information – very limited.
- Jason – what do you feel is a reasonable amount of information.

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Election of Officers - Klinger
Chairperson - Katie Dahm
Vice Chairperson - Eli Nudel
SSC Secretary – Gina Sillers

Public Concerns

No Comments.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk