

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 5, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Gina Sillers, Jason Klinger, Sydney Katz, Rachael Jordan, Shauna Berman, Scott Foli, Katie Dahm, Clare Cee, Olivia Chiu, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales, Sonja Montiel, Kacy Butcher, Karen McCarthy, Deanna Camacho, Kaylin Kelly, Patti Reis

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Last school dance was very successful. Every student said it was the best dance all year. We had a lot of room being at the Teen Center.
- Excited about Shadow Day, to see what their jobs are like.

6th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel:

- Not present.

7th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Black light dance was really fun. Felt less cramped. Barely anyone in dance area with the DJ.
- Shadow Day – don't feel kids have put in very many tickets. More will today for 2 for 1 day.
- Leadership –
 - Doing activities and preparing for dance and shadow day.
 - Still doing Character Strong – based on leadership skills.
 - Watching a movie called Over the Hedge – we watch and do a reflection based on leadership skills.
 - Rest of classes are light due to spring break coming up.

7th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Not much happening before spring break.
- I remember shadow day from last year, really fun.

8th Grade Rep – TBD:

- No Report.

8th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Choir – Festival concert this past weekend. Good but different because it was at Newbury Park, normally at Westlake. For festival went to Simi Valley for one choir and two choirs went to O.C.
 - All of our choirs received Unanimous Superior rating. No choir got below a 9 out of 10.
 - Now in Choir looking forward to ADCF. All choirs get together for 3 nights. Right after spring break.
- Spring break timing I like how after Easter, interfering with many lessons from classes. Now I have 3 tests when I get back.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Had H.S. out last week to register 8th graders. Mr. Klinger was helpful. Now we are putting into the system the 6th, 7th and 8th graders.
- HS spoke to 8th graders – did a pre and post test – was successful. When HS's come and do presentations, it's overwhelming.
- Lot of kids with mental health situations. Very busy and hard.

DAC Report – Sonja Montiel:

- Autism Acceptance Month (April)
 - Gold or rainbow infinity symbol preferred
 - SEDAC Celebrations toolkit
- District Wellness Committee is revamping for next year.
Three subcommittees if you are interested:
 - Nutrition
 - Wellness
 - PENext meeting is on May 10th.
- Measure I Committee led by Drew Pletcher
 - Meeting 4/26 at 3:30pm
 - Looking for 3 new members: parent active in PTA, parent, senior citizen
 - Applications are easy. On district website.
 - Substitute Crossing Guards needed (3-4)! Apply through City of TO Jobs.
- Myth that needs to be restored about Measure I
WHS got a new science building and there is a myth that funding favored WHS. There was no movement in funding within Measure I. WHS jump started construction early and beat increasing prices post pandemic. Other sites got their share of funding but projects were either for infrastructure and/or hit massive increase in pricing.
- GetAhead Summer Courses through Conejo Schools Foundation
 - Registration is NOW
- Project 2 Inspire Program
 - Program (<https://www.conejousd.org/Page/1685>) helps increase family engagement for ALL parents and especially multilingual families
 - Parents supporting parents (parents are trained to lead and facilitate sessions)
 - Helps new families from other countries understand complexities of US School system
- WeTip Hotline system
 - Implemented in February and working well
 - 16 calls (mostly from students; 1 parent, 1 community member)
 - Hotline info on every school website, stickers in classrooms, on classlink, signs on campuses
- Guided Studies Program by Dr. Sonia Wilson
 - For all students – study skills, executive management, test prep
 - LCMS offers two sessions (6/7th and 7/8th)
 - Focuses GE
 - Works with teachers – collaboration and relationships between teacher/student is key.
- Gaby – TOArts Foundation
 - GATE mentorship

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

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- Teen Center - It sounds pretty amazing! I'm going to check it out in the coming week with my son.
 - Now fully open for 7-12 grade (ages 12 and up)
 - Adding a kitchen for cooking classes
 - Added a skate park in the back
 - Open for tours
- There was a great SELPA Presentation about parent participation and the IEP meeting. The link to the deck is in the attached president's notes.
Participation and the IEP Meeting:
 - Parent participation is mandated and essential
 - Collaborate before the meeting with your child as well as the teachers
 - Keep examples of child's work to show progress
 - Much discussion on getting draft review ahead of time to review and processTools on SELPA website to help with collaboration (<https://www.vcselpa.org/For-Families/Welcome-Families/Community-Advisory-Committee/CAC-Parent-Toolkit>):
 - SELPA provides ADR dispute resolution services when needed
 - Call SELPA about any questions, IEP or general information
 - Be sure to work with the school dean of students on IEP engagement (the fabulous Ms. Gonzalez for us!)
 - A couple of book recommendations related to negotiation and perspective:
 - Getting to Yes
 - The Third Side
- Big shout out to Special Olympics 2023 School Games - May 20 at Newbury Park HS
I'll be attending with my son for sure. Here's a link to register athletes or as a volunteer:
 - Saturday May 20th at Newbury Park HS (Football Stadium)
 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Check in starts at 8:00 am)
 - Open to athletes aged 5-22 years old
 - To register athletes - <https://forms.gle/p9H5cme1gsNBSBDGA>
 - To register as volunteers - <https://forms.gle/CytS2jMKdi6oGknz7>

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- In the March GATE-DAC meeting Dr. Dwight Roger's, Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, presented on the \$200,000 anti-bias education grant that was awarded to CVUSD.
- The key takeaway for reps was to encourage our SSC to ensure that DEI is addressed in our school site planning for next year.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Next ELAC meeting in May – doing an Engineering activity with Mrs. Gould and Ms. Bartlett.
- ELPAC testing is like state testing for English-learners – needs to score a 4 or higher to advance. The goal to become proficient.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Met last meeting in March.
- Calif. School Climate, Health and Learning Survey results (CHKS data) – given to 7th and 8th graders every 2 years. Grant through tobacco education funds. All data self-reported. Students have to opt-in to take the test. Our groups' data is segregated by gender identity a little. LGBTQ Students are struggling more with bullying and sense of belonging on campus.
- Having elections for Exec Board at next meeting. Want to continue being the rep for SSC at LCMS. If you know anyone who wants to be a rep to share responsibility.
- Next meeting Weds. May 24th at University Campus at 9:30am.

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PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Have School Cents still coming in. Just entered a lot of receipts yesterday.
- Supporting Mr. Klinger with money for Tables and fiber glass shades. Got two here already.
- Have our gaga pit now. PE looking forward to it. Installed over Spring Break in lower section of lunch area.
- Going to order another shade with PTSA money.
- Keep campaign running until we meet goals. Want to get a video with PTSA club. To encourage more donations.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Shauna Berman:

- Super busy prepping for Spring Break.
- Eight middle schools all coming together, registered 130.
- Summer registration is open TK thru 8th.
- Offering daily rates, half-day, and full day rates for kids coming to summer school.
- State grant ELOP – given to B&G Club. 60 to 70 kids who are in the program.
- 6th graders get to stay and do homework and someone to help them.
- Had Youth of the Month - Superstars Event - Gisella Alvarez got awarded.

Teacher Reports:

- Van Uden – kids excited for Shadow Day.
- Butcher – no report

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Spring dance was a great event. Nice job from our ASB.
- 8th Grade Science Fair - We had 11 kids who went – four kids got first place, one got 2nd, one got 3rd, one got special award of \$100. Two qualified for State Competition.
- New 8th grade field trip to Reagan Library – all 8th graders will go on June 1st. Full scholarship. Leave at 9:15am get back 2:45. Need chaperones. Go through the Holocaust exhibit at Regan Library
- Universal Studios 8th Grade Trip – first for LC – no longer Magic Mountain. 8th grade trip this year on May 19th. Be gone all day. Public is there till 7pm then only middle school kids have the park to themselves.
- Boost Camp – notifications went out to kids with A and Bs. Move up to Accelerated track from CP.
- Summer School is at LC this year. Mrs. Pacheco will be principal. July 5 thru 29th. 600-800 kids on campus. English and Math intervention.
- BOE on April 19th recognize 9 LC kids who are all members of Calif All State Honor Band.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Single School Plan for 2023-2024 – postponed.

- Will send ELCAP data to members to review.

Propose RTI Changes –

- Six teachers and administrators are part of a network that get trained on how to develop good PLTs (professional learning team).
- Topic this year is RTI – do we have a good RTI system? Thinking about changes.
 - Needed for Effective system: Research Based, Directive, Administered by Trained Professionals, Targeted, Timely, Systematic
 - In order to change anything, the teachers need to approve.

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- Proposal: Get rid of tutorial time – put minutes back in regular day.
 - Switch minimum days from Tuesday to Wednesday – every Wednesday, teachers can intervene as needed. Intervention Day. If students are doing well, they can do activities. Teachers can pull students specifically, or work with all students. Teachers will plan meaningful and data-informed learning opportunities for students.
 - If voted by teachers – Full Day schedule will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - Every Wednesday (minimum day) would be a full day of intervention in all their classes. Allows teachers to be creative.
- Mrs. Butcher – fantastic!! Will be revolutionary.
 - When do teachers vote on this?
 - Klinger - Voting will happen on April 25th - Voting on:
 - Do we continue with nutrition?
 - Do we want to do a different RTI schedule?
 - If approved, we will present to board on May 3rd.

Public Concerns

No Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk