

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 4, 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Eli Nudel, Daniel Nudel, Scott Foli, Kaylin Kelly, Katie Dahm, Reagan Pacheco, Josabet Valdovinos, Tamia Bragar, Graham Justice, Kristy Royce, Pam VanUden, Olivia Foster, Michelle McEvoy, Rachael Jordan, Michelle Yee, Brandy Pacheco

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Tamia Bragar

- November was pretty uneventful.
- Social Studies - Ancient Egypt

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Graham Justice

- Leadership - Thanksgiving Grams, created posters for Inclusive Week and Movie Night.
- English - finished reading Wonder.
- Problem/Solution - Thanksgiving Grams did not sell out. Suggestion is more variety of grams with better advertisements. Have leadership reps there.

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

- Kids needed Thanksgiving break, getting restless.
- Have our Choir concert - working hard.
- At lunch we did Pil-Grams to send to friends.
- 7th & 8th grade basketball teams won Championships.
- 6th & 7th grade volleyball teams won Championships.
- 8th grade girls volleyball won 3rd place.
- Food Drive was a success. Delivered 450 goods.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Reagan Pacheco:

- This Friday is movie night and pajama day - watching Home Alone.
- The WHS Choir is coming to LC to sing for us.
- Inclusion week this week - Lunch Time Activities are planned for the entire week (ASB; Counselors).
- Ellie Terry spoke to 7th graders (author).
- Social Media lesson in English (unit of study).

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Eli Nudel:

- So many tests and work to do before winter break.
- Future Leopard Night: Great speech by our 6<sup>th</sup> grade SSC reps. All the music performers were awesome.
- Future Warrior Night - Definitely convinced me to go to WHS.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Future Warrior Night was Dec. 3rd. Made it feel like high school was right around the corner.
- Feel the pressure of the finals/test in the last few weeks of the Semester.
- Choir Winter Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8th. All choirs doing a foreign language song.
- Finally watching the Outsiders movie in English after completing the book.

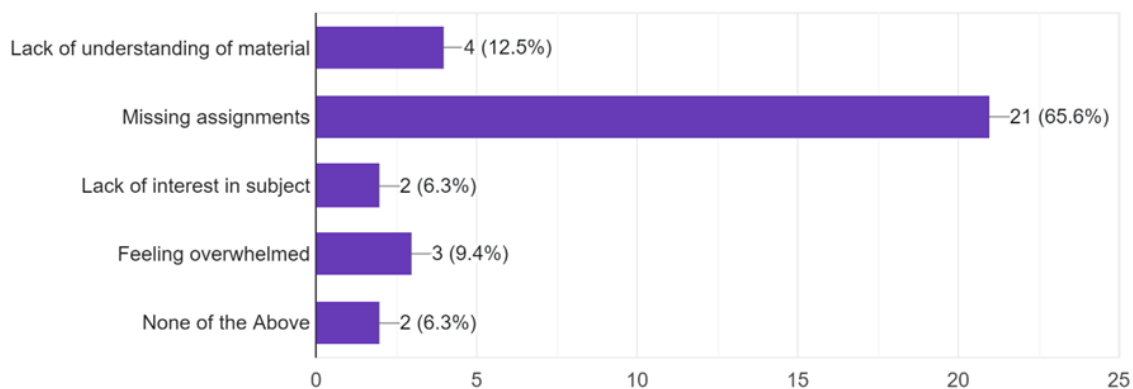
### Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lesson on Peer Relationships on 11/20 kids seemed engaged/went well.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade lesson on Goal Setting and Executive Functioning on Thursday 12/5.
- Speaker (Daniel Veselak, MFT) from Ludington Institute for Family Enrichment presentation 12/3 during principals coffee on Social Media will post on our website.
- Meeting with students on D/F list and completing a Root Cause survey (Data below). Also cross referencing with attendance data.
- Meeting with students with over 10% absences and completing a Root Cause survey to try and come up with solutions on improving attendance.
- Future Leopard night presentation on 6<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling/registration process/a day in the life etc.
- Sport-O-Rama
- 2 lunchtime activities for Inclusion week: Inclusion Jenga with questions for students and making Friendship Bracelets.
- On-going 504 meetings, SST meetings, communication with parents and meeting with students
- Continued "Hatching Results" training and training at Ludington Inst for Family Enrichment.

### Root Cause Survey Results - 11/22/2024 – 32 students

What do you think is the main reason you received low grade(s) at the Quarter or progress?

32 responses



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QUESTIONS	YES	NO	SOMETIMES
"I like coming to school" (33 responses)	51.5%	3%	45.5%
"Do you utilize resources like tutoring, lunch time help from teachers?" (32 responses)	15.6%	75%	9.4%
"Has your teacher ever reached out to you specifically to discuss your grade and how to improve it? (31 responses)	54.8%	45.2%	—
"Do you have a set schedule and work space at home to do your homework?" (32 responses)	81.3%	18.8%	—
"Do you have an adult or sibling at home that can help you when you need extra help with your homework?" (33 responses)	87.9%	12.1%	—
"Do you use Q/Canvas to check your assignments and grades" (32 responses)	93.8%	6.2%	—
"Do you understand the concepts being taught in your classes?" (33 responses)	66.7%	9.1%	24.2%

DAC Report – Katie Dahm:

- Cell phone discussion continues in DAC. No final decisions on any changes.
- School Choice Applications: Opened November 1st, Closing Jan. 31st. Google form, check status.
- School Tours: Encouraged to schedule tours at HS/MS.
- CVHS Presentation: Provided important information to DAC. Focus of CVHS is on credit recovery, not necessary behavior/discipline.
- National Merit Finalists were recognized last month (top 1% scoring on PSAT).
- School Board voted and approved November as Native American Heritage Month.
- Wellness Committee: Continues to talk about Social Media dangers. (MAMA group formed, meeting on Thursdays).
- Conejo School Foundations: \$77,000 teacher grants for 400 plus teachers delivered to 30 sites/teachers.
- 52 Seniors who Qualify under McKinney Vento (up from previous year).
- Giving Tuesday was yesterday, can still donate, link on CVUSD website.
- TOHS Library: Great free resources for students (tutors are available for free four days a week).
- SEDAC - Dec. 2nd - 6th is school inclusion week.
- SDAC received positive feedback about RAMS Event at MS/HS.
- Jan. 27th is the next SEDAC meeting.

SEDAC Report – Kristy Royce:

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- Elementary: Crash Gates were a big discussion from Elementary representatives. Concerns about student elopement.
- Transition Fairs: Held in November for Elementary to Middle School and Middle School to High School.
- School Inclusion Week: First week of December.
- Gonzales - went to the elementary transition meeting at University. Invited 5th grade families. Had an LC booth with info - answered questions.

### GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- District GATE Website: Lots of great resources for teachers/students/administration.
- Parent concern: More differentiation in classes. District is continuing to work on it.
- Dec. 12 - GATE field trip to Moxi Museum - invited 94 kids, only 30 going so far.

### ELAC/DELAC Report – Brandy Pacheco:

- ELAC meeting last night. Well attended. Families brought a dish to share. Families shared information.
- Student Recognitions: Reclassified students as well as those that are doing well were invited.
- Two Speakers: one from Westminster Clinic Information; Outreach Program (Anna Alvarez) opportunity for parents.
- EL Students attended a field trip to the Moxy Museum; took the train to Moxi; went to the Beach.

### LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Created a toolkit Sub-Committee. Now four sub-committees: elementary, secondary, curriculum and toolkit.
- Cell Phone policy discussions (stakeholder feedback provided).

### PTSA Report – Michelle Yee:

- Third Student PTSA Club meeting: Service project yesterday for James Storehouse for foster youth (Kitchen Starter Sets). 26 students attended and helped.
- Dave and Buster's Restaurant Night last night (fundraiser). Waiting for turnout.
- Fundraising is down for this year. Struggling.

### Boys & Girls Club Report – David Carranza:

- Leopard Night was a success, had a lot of parents with questions and wanted to enroll their kids for next year.
- We have been checking grades for all of our students, and most of them are up there with A's and B's, we are really happy.
- ELOP members (6th grade) - I would like to know if there is a way we can get more kids in. We have lots of room for more ELOP members, how can we connect regarding this?
- We have implemented getting the members logins and passwords on their accounts like Canva so we check their homework and missing assignments so we can keep up to date.

### Teacher Reports - VanUden:

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- Final push to end Semester 1.
- Preparing students for end of the semester assessments.

### Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Future Leopard Night was a success. Thank you to our two 6<sup>th</sup> grade speakers, WEB leaders, club advisors, music teachers, and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.
- Congratulations for our athletic success this Fall season with four championships (6 & 7<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball.
- Sport-O-Rama - 5 teams participated. Green team won (Mr. Griffiths).
- We the People Event: LCMS is bringing back our LC We the People competition for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Outside Judges will be used to evaluate student groups.
- Outdoor School parent meeting - Outdoor School Coordinator presented to 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Good showing of parents.
- Special Minimum Day: Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is a special minimum day with school ending at 12:09 pm.

### Old Business

No Comments.

### New Business

Progress Monitoring of Single School Plan - Mr. Klinger:

- California Dashboard Data is now live.
- Mr. Klinger reviewed our Dashboard Results including English and Math progress. Both subjects improved with the most gain in Math. Both subjects overall are above standard.
- Discipline (Suspension) and Attendance data was reviewed. LCMS saw improvements in Suspension data (reduction of overall suspensions, but our Chronic Absenteeism Rate declined.
- School (Counselors) are putting a focus on improving attendance this year. EL Progress also saw a large decline. Only 50% of EL students made progress compared to 70% the year before. EL Progress is still better than other MS, but the school is looking at how to regain the past growth. SSC.
- Discussed student motivation as well as how to decrease test anxiety for future CAASPP assessments.

### Public Concerns

No comments.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31am.

Respectfully submitted, Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk