

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Brandy Pacheco, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Kim Budy, Melissa Callaway, Andrea Mettel, Austin Maziasz, Jaime Bryant, Morgan H., Gweneth S., Sydney K., Adrian S., Ashley B., Karen McCarthy, Julia Blietz, Rocio Perez-Turijan, Andrew Lorenzo, Candi Garrett, Elissa Francis

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:32 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Enjoy how staff and everyone put on events like PJ day or the day before winter break when we could wear Christmas themed clothes. Good idea to keep doing these things because they are fun.
- People are not social distancing, I can see people playing with each other and touching each other. Throwing tennis balls being thrown and all are touching it. Then they don't hand sanitize after. Dangerous.

6th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Arrows on campus are hard to follow and inconvenient. People end up not following and going straight across anyway.
- Good things – like to see more people on campus, sucks that cases are going up and now people are not feeling safe. Counselors, teachers and staff are making it safe for everybody so that is good.

7th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- I don't really have much to talk about.
- This week my teachers didn't give us a whole lot of homework.
- Before break, some teachers didn't give us homework over break.
- I'm not going in to school for next 2 weeks, parents wanted to keep us safe.
- Been at least 1 person that I know who has tested positive and still came to school. Have a concern that other kids are testing positive and still coming to school.
- Thank you to teachers and staff for keeping us safe on campus.

7th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- In person school going really well, I feel really safe at school.
- I like having two classes a day, gives me time to do work after school. I like Wednesdays too, gives us a break in the middle of the week to catch up on work.
- Like zooming with other cohorts, get to interact with other people.
- I know someone who had Covid and came to school. She still came to school and sits with us and makes me nervous.

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8th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- Excited about the vaccine coming out because we may get a real graduation and not a drive by one.
- One teacher, she just gave us 1 hour and 40 mins of homework and that's just for one class. I think that's a bit much for just coming back from break. Same teacher has a few students in her class and their masks are off. She doesn't do a good job at keeping people safe.
- Covid precautions are going well. I feel safe in school.

8th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- Improvement – I have some friends who are having a hard time to trying talk to high school counselors about which honors class I should take in high school. I have questions too.
- Social Distancing could be improved, but other than that we are doing a good job.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Students if you know someone who comes to school who tested positive. If you tell someone, it would be very helpful for us. It's upsetting to hear.
- Austin's question with high school. Usually the High School counselors come out and answer questions and register the 8th graders. We are just trying to figure how we are going to do that. Coming soon.
- Updating our registration forms, making videos to send to 5th graders. Coordinating with other middle schools to show it on the same day to all the feeder schools.
- Did a newsletter over the break.
- Doing supervision during breaks.
- Email is the best way to reach us as we are out and about.
- Doing DIS counseling... running in to more social emotional needs for our kids.
- Hard to coordinate with seeing kids while keeping them in class.
- Still doing Zoom meetings with kids. If any kids or parents that needs some help or support, please email counselors so we can meet with kids on our off time.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Not present.

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- Listening to student DAC and hearing same concerns about kids not social distancing and staying safe.
- At SEDAC, got update on Buddies Program – initiated through SDAC – students from all three HS being matched with incoming students who have IEP and 504s. Socializing with them. Excited for the program.
- Given presentation on SPSA mentoring program – make sure we have a voice, agree with contents. Make sure the SPED group is represented when we do sign.
- We have a committee that trains SEDAC reps - working on member info, training and streamlining so there is better communication between reps, families and admins.
- Inclusion Heroes – more than 135 nominations – 2020 Inclusion Heroes winners are listed on website.
- SEDAC and Inclusion web pages are now on district website - excellent and full of information.
- Student DAC is looking for three students with IEPs or 504s to participate in the Student DAC Health and Sex Education forum – need student volunteers.
- UACT – holding a virtual conference dedicated to Special Ed on April 30th thru May 2nd for both Special Ed and General Ed teachers.
- TO Library – They are open and all services are available through the website.
- SELPA (Student Education Local Plan Area) website – check out website for ton of information.

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- Site Rep Reports – four schools were highlighted:
 - Be Me Preschool rep – onsite instruction is going well. All students look forward to going to class, parents are pleased with communication from the school.
 - Colina MS rep – inclusive schools week activities. Went over various activities school is doing. On Friday there is a Team Inclusion day.
 - Los Cerritos MS (my report) – been impressed with everything done at LC. Dedication of students and staff, the positive and open communication, and the excellent leadership.
 - NPHS rep – student was awarded a varsity letter for their involvement in Unified Sports. All students who participated in Unified Sports will receive this varsity letter.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- Meeting is happening this Friday on the 8th. No new info for now.
- Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Michaud are planning our next GATE activity which will be on January 14th – probably a breakout box activity. Send invite to GATE families to sign up.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Rocio Perez-Turijan:

- Not a lot of info.
- ELAC meeting will be on Jan. 20th and DELAC meeting on Jan. 26th.

PSTA Report – Mellissa Callaway:

- We were able to show our appreciation for teachers and staff just before the break – gave welcome back to school treats to staff to show our appreciation.
- Susan reported – upcoming GA meeting on Weds. January 13th at 7pm, you can RSVP to the meeting on the PTSA website. Jamie asked if Susan will she be sending out the invite any other way – Melissa will see about putting it on other locations. Mr. Klinger will also put it out to parents.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Andrew Lorenzo:

- B&G club running smoothly. All staff and members getting back into routine.
- This week starting our enrichment classes – art masters, cooking, steam activities, sports, and Torch Club (leadership).
- All activities are done with masks on and social distanced.
- We have a few spots here if you have kids who need to come in before or after school.
- Best way to reach me through email.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

Brandy Pacheco:

- Addressing student concerns. Constantly reminding kids about safety reminders. We are out monitoring students and following protocols.
- Working on High School registration. As 8th graders, if you have any questions please ask our counselors.
- We are aware that there are students who are coming to school testing positive. We will follow up on that.
- Reminders are sent to teachers about protocols, procedures, safety measures. Communications have gone out to parents from school and district. We have been very explicit about what is expected and what our protocols are. Appreciate parents' communication with us about exposure over the break, or testing positive, or just concerns about spiking cases. Parents are concerned about sending kids to school.

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- Modernization project is now being advertised with a job walk date of January 12th. They will be meeting to discuss project schedule, construction sequence, contractors and locations.
- Last Year – those on Site Council – we had a student talk about Dress Code. Subcommittee needs to be formed. We have dates for when we can meet. If anyone is interested in the subcommittee, staff, students and parents if you are interested, email Brandy and she will shoot out dates. We will have to do it sooner than later because our agenda is submitted in May. Needs to be voted on at SSC before then.
- ELAC meeting coming up. Our ELD team met and discussing our students, not just ELD, but students in general during this time. Students like 2 classes, like opportunities to go AM or PM. Not all students work on what they need to work on. Lacking support. Unique challengers with meeting with students. Trying to be creative in meeting the needs of our students.
- Promotion Ceremony – many things not in place this year. We are doing our best to make it special.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Public Concerns

No Public Concerns

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:04am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk