

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
April 2022**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Sonja Montiel, Brandy Pacheco, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Nicole Flores, Seyda Cumhur, Kacy Butcher, Rachel Fischbach, Franky Arechiga, Deanna Camacho, Olivia C., Adrian S., Clare C., Claudia Hernandez, Bennish Khan, Nicole Campos, Katie Dahm, Sydney K., Cindy Mayling

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Went to Outdoor school last week and it was fun. Cabins were nice.
- Excited for Shadow Day seems fun.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- 6th graders went Outdoor School, on 2nd week now. I went first week and it was fun, cabins were nice, beds were small. Went on long hikes with naturalists to explore and identify plants.
- Coming back from outdoor school, you come back and have to readjust.
- Shadow Day coming up – first time hearing about it, but sounds fun.

7th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Carnival coming up.
- I think we should do more LTAs and grams to connect students.
- Wasn't sure about block schedule and English testing, hopefully not as scary as I think it will be.

7th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- State testing questions:
 - Why did math testing get put off and not done this week? Kids wanted it back to back to get it done.
 - Why do we have block schedule for testing?
- Pacheco – answers
 - The math dept asked if we could push testing back to cover all the content.
 - Due to length of test and to maximize class time, block schedule allows more time to complete test.
 - Math testing will also be a block schedule.
 - In May there is 2 weeks of block schedule for testing to cover 6th grade English and Math, 7th and 8th grade Math and 8th grade Science.
- In choir we have so many rehearsals. Preparing for end of the year festival. Also sad for preparing our farewell concert to our 8th graders.
- Happy about Shadow Day coming up.
- Outdoor School pics, look like it's going good.
- In leadership we are planning the Carnival, hoping to make it fun for everyone.

8th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- No present

8th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- No more covered lunch area anymore. Just grass and weeds. Can we get that area a little cleaned up and looking nicer?
- Tampons/Pads, kids asking for them – Mrs. Shinko doesn't have any in PE and it would be helpful if that was stocked in PE.
- Block schedule is going great but long. Some of my teachers let us go outside halfway through the period to walk around track and get some fresh air. We come back more focused.
- Teachers have been communicating well with students. School year running smoothly.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Registration in full force. H.S. counselors were out and our 8th graders pre-registered one on one. Kids coming back with changes and questions.
- Input all incoming 6, 7 and 8 grade schedules.
- Have a Spanish parent Info night on May 26th – Spanish is offered to 8th graders and is a H.S. level course and counts towards GPA. Need to give parents all this info.
- Have 5th grade visit day coming up on April 29th – excited to have this back. 5th graders come from feeder schools and visit here for half a day.
- We have stopped SEL (social emotional lessons) because of state testing and we are getting really busy. Most kids hated it, some benefitted.
- Involved now in Leadership interviews for next couple of weeks.
- Helping with 6th grade tutoring – meeting 1 on 1 and a group on Fridays Lunch Bunch in the Library.
- Quarter 3 just ended so working with kids who have D's and F's.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- One of my former Leopards is back at Outdoor School as a counselor. She said it was warm, but they are having a great time. Klinger – it was exciting to see former students coming back as counselors.
- Last DAC meeting was March 22nd. First in person meeting in 2 years.
- Instructional Services –
 - District boosting efforts of anonymous reporting tool. Website has a reporting form.
 - Expansion of TK window – birthdays have been expanded for enrollment to July 1, 2017 thru Aug. 21, 2018 for enrollment for next school year.
 - Presentation from GATE DAC – found on DAC website.
 - Had breakout groups to discuss student achievement progress.
 - We are getting back on track with normal curriculum. Rebuilding student capacity to pay attention – biggest struggles with students.
 - Working on creating a more equitable grading policy.
 - Communicating to families about the supports and resources.
 - Need to see students through an unbiased lens, working to know the whole student and identify barriers with each student, making invisible students feel visible.

SEDAC Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Nothing in meeting pertaining to middle school. Just working on next years' Board.

GATE Report – Bennish Khan:

- There will be an event on April 11 from WHS Young Investors Club – will come out and have an activity in Ms. Blazers room. Sign in sheet and email coming out soon.
- Odyssey of the Mind – We had state championships this past weekend. Had two teams from LC that participated, and both came in 4th place in state.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Claudia Hernandez:

- ???Days - College Class held them – Sign-ups for Spanish 2 ELAC.
- Brandy – TO cluster ELAC meeting –
 - SEL presentation giving parents (from Elem, Middle, and HS) an overview of what’s been happening this year with SEL.
 - Elementary, middle school and high school presented
 - Project 2Inspire Program presentation –
Elementary presented what EL services look like in elementary. We presented what they look like in middle school and high school presented as well.

PSTA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Would like to support school in any way.
- Convention coming up this month – will get info on how things will run after covid. I’m on counsel next year. I will get info to schools.
- Marquee board – when will that be up and running? Klinger – no word on install, should be up and running for 2022-2023.
- Hearing there has been problems with lunch time with fights at lunch. What is going on with supervisions? Klinger - no there hasn’t been any fights at lunch, just one in beginning of year in PE. With supervision we are spread out and there is lots to see, we do our best. Admins have been out as well.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Franky Arechiga:

- Camp Summer sessions – 3 session – Session 1 (6/13 thru 7/1), Session 2 (7/5 thru 7/22), Session 3 (7/25 thru 8/12). \$570 per session cost. We do have financial aid.
- Spring Break – Los Cerritos club will be closed but let parents know the Johnson Club (at Colina) will be open for Spring Break.
- Would like to start a sports program, new activities at the club. Tryout our club.
- Have a reduced fee right now for kids to check out the club. Its only \$30. Kids can come after school. We do homework help every day for an hour.
- Teacher communication is great. Identifying students who need additional help.
- Klinger – can you email us a list of all LC kids are members? Will identify kids who need help.
- Next month more details on trips and programs.

Teacher Reports - Butcher:

- English dept meeting – went over reading assessments – feel like we have met the goals and all student groups have improved in reading comprehension. Including our subgroups.
- How can we support other departments – writing in their curriculum. Use common language. Looking at what we can do to close the gap with under achieving groups.
- SEL components of curriculum – lots of kids with anxiety. The level of kindness is not high as it should be among students. Kids are snippy with each other and not supportive. Felt we should continue with SEL next year.
- Great hearing about B&G club with homework help with an adult is great to hear.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Outdoor School – kids seem to be happy and program is going well. I will be heading up after this meeting.
- Construction – working on finishing front of school. Starting to dig footings for monument sign. Marquee will be back up. Some cool new graphics.
- Not sure what's happening between MPR and locker rooms. Priority is to finish front of school then see what's left over financially.
- Teachers did approve to adding a nutrition break for next year. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will have extra 6 mins. Tues is minimum day.
- SCVA Music Festival - all five of our choirs got superior ratings. Thank you to Mrs. Hague for all she does.
- LCAP survey will come out to parents shortly. How things are going? I use this survey to see how our culture is going.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Single School Plan Progress Monitoring

- Read Theory Data:
 - 6th grade – Seeing overall growth from beginning of the year – up 0.7 GL. SPED 6th grade improved 1.2 grade levels. Still a gap between 5.6 GL and 4.2 GL.
 - 7th grade – largest growth – overall 2.1 GL. Our EL group have grown 1.1 GL and our SPED grew 0.7 GL.
 - 8th graders – doing extremely well – overall increased 1.2 grade levels. EL outperformed everyone at 1.9 GL. SPED grew slower but still growing at 0.6 GL.
- Grade Data (D/F Report):
 - For Quarter 3, we had 21% of students on site have at least one D or F.
 - 6th grade and 8th grade – 19% and 17%.
 - 7th graders are struggling more with 26% having one D or F.
 - Subgroup Data – most concern.
 - Special Education – 29% (8% more than average)
 - Low SES and EL groups seems to be the lowest. The EL's seem to be biggest challenge academically. Students don't finish assignments in class or turn in completed assignments. These kids have the most zeros in class. Working on strategy to grade them on what they did in class.
- Attendance Data:
 - Seeing slight growth. Still lower than Q1. At 94.67% - showing Covid surge. Hopefully our semester 2 data will be the strongest since kids have been on campus.
 - Pacheco – Jen Cordes is counseling intern – she started a positive improved attendance award program. Looking at improved attendance monthly. Gives kids certificate and candy. We had 90 students who are getting that award who have improved from last month.
 - Proposed Literacy Goal – fine tuning literacy goal that goes across all subjects, not just English.
 - Students biggest issue – student cannot dissect text and pull-out important information.
 - This year we are focusing on 3 Sub Goals: Text Comprehension, Informational Reading, Explanatory/Argumentative Writing. Focus on Informational Text.
 - Next meeting will finalize our literacy goal.
- Math:
 - Also shifted a bit. We included some subcategories to fine-tune the data.
 - Don't want mathematical robots – only solve problems one way. Want them to think and solve problems using reasoning both by perspective and sequential.
 - Sub Goal 1 will focus on Word Problems – giving the most trouble. Need to learn how deconstruct word problem in order to pull out most important information then apply mathematical reasoning.

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- Sub Goal 2 will focus on students being able to articulate the mathematical reasoning to obtain solution.
- Next steps:
 - English Dept (with Social Science and Science) are working on finetuning our Literacy/English goal and creating an overarching goal which talks about informational text.
 - Departments are working on identifying instructional strategies and approaches that will help support each SSP goal.
 - All teachers will use the same strategies for that year to support the achievement gap and/or literacy goals.
 - At April Staff meeting next week – fine-tuning the list of many strategies into a list of 3-5 common strategies that we can all use.
 - Working with Dept. Chairs to see what resources they need in order to implement each goal.
 - Starting with May SSC meeting I will have a document that pinpoints everything and get everyone's input.

Public Concerns

No public concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk