

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Nicole Campos, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Nicole Flores, Ashley B., Seyda Cumhur, Kacy Butcher, Rachel Fischbach, Sydney K., Deanna Camacho, Katie Dahm, Olivia C., Julia Wang, Adrian S., Clare C.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- There is one or two kids in my classes, every day they do not have mask over their nose. Teachers ask them, but they never do it.
- In English/SS classes – we had a sub that did not wear their mask and eating candy the whole time.
- In Math – had a test yesterday.
- In Science – we learned about the earth.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Construction and painting are going well, and school is looking much better.
- Teachers are doing a great job with masks and sanitizer.
- Teacher could tell students earlier when there is a test. They give us one days' notice. A little stressful so more advance notice would be good.
- Excited about the upcoming Valentines grams.

7th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Semester 1 ended finally.
- Things are running smoothly, construction is done.
- Not enough kids are putting sanitizer on. Can't really do anything about them.
- We have an LTA for ASB this month. It's also Kindness Week.

7th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Leadership is very busy, lots going on this month.
 - ASB is doing CHLA valentines' cards next week as well.
 - LTA and dress up day this month.
 - Kindness week this month.
- Choir getting ready for festival. All choirs will be performing here at LC. Competition festival with judges.
 - Schools attending - LCMS, Colina, Redwood and maybe Sequoia here performing.
- English – have a debate this week and next week. Some classes are starting to read the Giver.
- Math – this unit is solving systems. Fun and I like knowing how to do this.
- SS – We are starting a new unit on Mesoamerica that I'm looking forward to.

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8th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Super excited that the Blacklite dance is back on.
- Leadership quarterly games – In a group of 6 people, we make Pyramids on the grass. We have to make statues with your team. I think it's very dangerous.
- Valentine Grams are being sold. Usually a good turnout.
- Will have a dress up day coming up on Valentine's Day.

8th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Reminder in announcements with the backpack situation was a good thing. Yesterday was better with backpacks.
- Suggestion to have a teacher in the girls locker room more often to walk around every once in a while to check on kids. Lots of phones being brought in locker room and don't want pictures taken.
- The phone situation – most teachers aren't aware when kids have their phones in the classroom. Lots of kids have phones in their pocket.
- Masks – kids keep them above the nose, and when kids don't wear it correctly, teachers say something.
- I'm getting a perfect amount of work, not too much homework. I like having a little homework.
- Maybe during SEL zooms or doing an activity, we should try to close computers.
- Valentines Grams are going on sale.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Very busy since returning from holiday.
- Had our 2nd virtual coffee with the counselors. Very successful! Had 39 parents show up. First coffee we had 8.
- Coming into Registration season.
 - Starting next week going out to elementary schools and talking to 5th grade students and sending home reminders for the parents so they can get registered.
 - On March 2nd, during SEL we will be showing videos through canvas to current 6th and 7th grade students. Then registration will go live.
- Continuing with SEL lessons. We've been concentrating on Smart Goals. Then moving on to Resiliency and Grit. Trying to make it interesting.
 - This last couple of sessions have been paper/pencil activities. Hard to get kids engaged. Any suggestions to make more interesting, please let us know.
- Still involved with 6th grade tutoring with WHS students.
- We have a lunch bunch every Friday. Kids who don't have friends to sit with.
- Working with kids one on one as needed.
- Collaborating with other middle schools to be uniform throughout the district.

DAC Report – Cindy:

- Not Present

SEDAC Report – Deanna:

- Nothing to report. Should pick up next month.
- Klinger – continue to struggle to get caught up with IEPs. With Covid its been hard to test kids.

GATE Report – Julie:

- No new updates for this meeting. Next GATE DAC meeting is this Friday.
- Klinger – I had a WHS student reached out to me and wanted to come and do a STEM demonstration to our kids after school.
 - Julie - the WHS Girls in STEM Club coming to do an activity at the end of February.

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ELAC/DELAC Report – Claudia:

- Not present.

PSTA Report – Deanna:

- Just finished up with nomination committee. In office is a list of the board for next year.
- On PTSA website, there is a list of nominees. Good board for next year. Have one position open for next year, parliamentarian, contact Amy Wang.
- You can join us at the General Association meetings, see PTSA website for dates. Look forward to seeing you there to vote for our new board.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Franky (new Director):

- Not present.

Teacher Reports:

- Flores – report cards last week. Impressed with student grades. Participation - I've seen a huge improvement with student engagement. Feel things are going well now.
- Fischbach – agree, but seeing kids say they finish their assignments and then they play games. 7th graders doing Mesoamerica and 8th graders are starting the Oregon Trail game.
- Butcher- nice to start a fresh unit and a fresh semester. One on one student computer use is difficult. Kids are sneaking games instead of doing the work. Since computers are so important, I would suggest we get this software so teachers can monitor what students are doing on their computer. Program LandSchool.
- Klinger – has a meeting with the technology director to rectify this situation. Computers are wide open. No filters.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Finally, semester grading period ended yesterday. Had to extend window due to so many students being out.
- We were able to pull data on grades as well as who made principal's honor roll.
- Staff change – Kathleen Farrar retired on Friday. Jennifer Wells will start in that position next Monday.
- Painting is going well. Gym looks better. School now looks like an art gallery.
- Our lunch pavilion won't start till May. Maybe finished by December of next year.
- N95 masks now available in office.
- Outdoor School – talking with students and families. \$250 donation. If students don't pay they will still be able to go. Will have certain restriction for masks. Will be contacting families who didn't want to attend to see if I could offer them anything in order to participate.
- Will take 8th graders to Magic Mountain this year. Haven't been able to do this for last 2 years. PTSA agreed to pay the transportation.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Single School Plan Progress Monitoring

- Just got midyear English assessments. Made growth through all grade levels.
 - 6th grade – 4 pts, 7th grade – 7 pts, 8th grade – 2 pts
 - SPED - 6th grade - 6 pts, 7th grade – 11 pts
 - Our ELD students made growth through all grade levels.
- Challenging to get kids to read.
- Math Benchmark scores –

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- 6th grade - almost 65% exceeded standards, 78% of our students' met standards.
- 7th grade – 54% exceeded standards, 67% met standards
- 8th grade – 53% exceeded standards, 64% met standards
- Seeing growth through Math and English.

Possible Nutrition Schedule Feedback/Discussion

- We have never had a nutrition break.
- Have to have 70% of teachers approve it. It's gaining traction again and will do a vote. We will take 1 minute from Period 1, reducing lunch by 5 mins. in order to gain a 6 min. nutrition period. Monday, Weds, Thurs and Fri. Not on minimum day.
- Any feedback? –
 - Campos – my son had a nutrition at his middle school. All kids would get a free snack and go to class.
 - Butcher – one concern was - where are kids going during the 6 mins. (in addition to passing period).
 - Klinger - We will work on supervision, so teachers get a break.
 - Camacho – Kids what do you think?
 - Ashley – will help a lot, between 3-4 period I am very hungry.
 - Morgan – other schools do this too, kids like the break. Kids are trying to eat in between classes.
- Working with union members and see where teachers are. Will have a pilot year, then a revote for following years.

Public Concerns

Camacho – seeing a lot more groups of kids doing horseplay and haven't been safe lately. Feels there needs to be more supervision in front of school.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk