

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Sonja Montiel, Cindy Mayling, Deanna Camacho, Oliva C., Sydney K., Karen McCarthy, Brandy Pacheco, Kacy Butcher, Rachel Fischbach, Julie Wang, Morgan H., Ashley B., Nicole Flores, Clare C., Katie Dahm, Adrian S., Kim Michaud,

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:

- Sad that school is almost over.
- In Leadership – doing stuff for Teacher appreciation week. Got snacks and labeled them and giving them out to teachers.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Excited about the carnival, it's my first one.
- Thank you to teachers and staff. It's been a crazy year.
- Construction, the school looks really nice.
- I did see posters for Star Wars dress up day so that was good.

7th Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Enjoyed how we did state testing. It was organized and good to let kids finish.

7th Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- Thank you to teachers to counselors and administration for all you've done.
- Point out that now we are near the end of school year, kids are being ruder to their teachers and interrupting them. Maybe do an announcement for kids to be nicer.
- Looking forward to the carnival. Supposed to have some new things.
- May is packed with choir, band, strings, and festivals.
- Leadership, start planning high school rally. 7th graders are planning the promotion dance.

8th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- Today is May 4th which is Star Wars dress up day.
- This Friday is school carnival. Games and rides. Excited for the carnival.
- For Promotion and the Promotion Dance – me and others want to know what to wear? Formal or sundress?
 - Mr. Klinger – an email went out to families, but we will go over that in promotion practice. Dress to impress - wear what you like, dresses to be longer, careful of heels getting stuck in grass.

8th Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Went on the Washington DC trip. Great trip, had an amazing experience. Lots of new friendships made from that trip. Heard that Mr. Wutkee is not allowed to advertise the trip. Is there a way he can advertise it without getting in trouble?
- I had to pick between Magic Mountain or a siblings graduation ceremony. Most people chose Magic Mountain but at the same time, I would want my siblings to be at my graduation. Maybe in the future if we can plan these events to not conflict? Mr. Klinger – as for graduation, TOHS rescheduled their graduation to Wednesday. Magic Mountain will always be on Wednesday. Kids are welcome to be picked up early to attend graduation.
- On Fridays, we do make up work in my classes and I have noticed that kids have really raised their grades from this. Can more teachers do this? Kids aren't playing games anymore, so they are doing better in class.
- It's Teacher Appreciation Week – so thank you to all the teachers and staff who make school great.
- Although I'm excited for the summer, I'm going to miss LC.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Wrapping up the year. Carnival coming, all excited.
- Still finishing up scheduling and registration for next year.
- Holding a Spanish 1 parent meeting for kids who are taking Spanish next year. High School course. Meeting is on May 26th in the evening.
- Meeting with kids individually.
- Hope to have some lessons in the classrooms a couple times a year on various topics.
- Working with kids who have D's or F's. Mrs. Pacheco meets with 8th graders regularly, so they don't miss events at end of year.
- Meeting with Elementary counselors on May 17th – to get info on incoming students.
- Awards Night coming up on the 18th. Sydney asked what is awards night? McCarthy – teachers give out awards based on a variety of reasons (citizenship, improvement, achievement, etc.).
- Just had 5th grade visit day. Huge success.

DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Last DAC meeting there was a presentation from the leaders of the new LGBTQ advisory council. Presentation was repeated last night at board meeting. Doing great work.
- Preparing for DAC Executive Board elections – will happen next meeting
- Across the board, a lot of DAC members seeing an increase in ugly language – increase in use of hate-charged language, disrespectful to members of our special education community. Increase in kids using foul language. Way more than seen before. Much discussion on how to combat that.
- At middle school level – desire for after school opportunities for kids to participate in. Face to face time, social time, some time to connect and socialize. Ideas thrown around. Running club? Pickle Ball club? Not competitive, but just keeping them busy and off screens.
 - Klinger -

SEDAC Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Trying to make information accessible to everyone. Now on CVUSD website, on SEDAC tab, you can now see minutes, school calendar and resources through the school district or county offices. Also Summer program information.

GATE Report – Julie Wang:

- Meeting is this Friday, so not much to report.
- For LC students – we had the WHS Young Investors come and talk with LC students about the stock market.

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- Teen Tech Conference – The Teen Tech Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 1st. The conference will be held via Zoom at each of the middle schools. This event will feature 5 STEAM related speakers and activities. Priority registration will be given to GATE students.
- New GATE parent meeting – CVUSD is hosting its new GATE parent meeting on Wednesday, May 11th from 6-7pm via Zoom. Topics to be discussed are 1) What is GATE, 2) Identification, 3) Gifted characteristics, 4) Strategies for meeting GATE students, 5) GATE resources, and 6) GATE-DAC information. New GATE parents should have received an email for registration.
- LEAPAHEAD – an 8-week summer math program that reinforces math skills students already learned, preparing them for the challenge of the new school year. The program is for rising 3rd – 8th grade students. CVUSD is offering 280 prepaid memberships for GATE students. In addition, the district will offer a 50% discount to all students.
- GATE activities – A Rube Goldberg STEM activity is scheduled on Wednesday, May 18th from 3:30-4:30pm for middle school and high school students via Zoom. On Tuesday, May 24th from 3-4pm, another Rube Goldberg STEM activity will be held for elementary school students via Zoom.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Claudia Hernandez:

- Not present.

PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- This week parents are getting together and donating items for Teacher/Staff appreciation week. Fed them breakfast and popcorn. Snack shack today. Friday they will get lunch. Daisy has arranged everything, and our board is helping out to serve our teachers and staff.
- Got a new board slated for next year. Introductions will be coming out publicly through our website, including their pictures. Making everyone more inviting and welcoming for this next year.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Franky Arechiga:

- Not present.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – coming to the time of year where we see what was successful and what was not. English department has been assigned the SEL component of relationship building. Setting up those lessons for next year.
- Fischbach – in History tomorrow we will have the civil war reenactment and 8th graders are really excited.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Pacheco – getting testing schedule out – 2 weeks of testing (6th grade Math/English, 7th & 8th grade Math, and 8th grade Science). We found out that test was shortened, but still took students longer than anticipated. Students took their time and were diligent. We will adjust timing for next year.
- Michaud – Carnival this year, those students with ASB will get in free. Have pre-sale at lunch. Needs wristband then go straight in. Still come in and wait in line to get their wristband. Encouraging kids to register early. Try to make sure lines are short. Done on blacktop so we can corral them.
- Start planning our promotion dance.
- Klinger – huge thank you to teachers who have worked so hard this year. Challenging year. Thank you PTSA for appreciating them.
- Growth and Development films shown May 20th.
 - 7th grade families received 2 messages – all calls included lessons for what is going to be shown.
 - Going to send out all-call when deadline to opt out is.

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- Awards Night – kids get invitations. Before done virtually. This year will be in person on May 18th. 6th and 7th graders will be at 5:30pm and 8th graders at 7pm. Some awards are: Academic Excellence award, Academic Achievement, Character award, ELD students who have reclassified, MVP athletes of the year award. Process of organizing all the award, then will send out congratulations with invitations to all our families and kids will have a practice beforehand.
- Construction - Awning was put up this weekend. Trying to finish the courtyard by promotion.
- Promotion parent meeting coming up on May 24th.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Single School Plan Progress Monitoring

Goal 1 - Literacy Goal:

- Been expanded this year to include sub goals - Text Comprehensive, Informational Reading and Explanatory/Argumentative Writing.
- Making sure all subjects use the same language.
- Using over 25 strategies.
- The school plan will be between 80 – 85 pages. Use to only be strategies that cost money, now includes everything we are doing.
- School-wide strategies – Depts. came up with 5-6 strategies. Kids need to read something have ability to understand. Learn annotation, build up language and vocabulary, school-wide writing program.
- Spiral learning, common planning days, assessment, read theory. Kids don't want to read.

Goal 2 – Math Goal:

- Use certain math strategies to use throughout the year. Teachers doing things differently. Want to see commonality but still let teachers be creative.

Goal 3 – Achievement Gap:

- We want kids to be successful.
- Some strategies for ELD and Special Ed students – they need to have language and content objective.
- Strategies - working on background knowledge, making connections, informational texts, using different modality.

Goal 4 - School Culture/Safety:

- I want kids to feel comfortable and safe on campus. Want students to feel connected in an inclusive environment. Input/thoughts on best way to improve student connection:
 - Cindy – need something to keep kids on campus, some activities they can connect, socialize, and hang out.
- What do parents and students think about what is the best way to approach teaching students how to behave correctly and how to use proper language.
 - Kacy – as a teacher in a polarized society, I feel that I have to watch what I say in classroom. Would like guidance on how to talk about certain issues pertaining to LGBTQ and other things of that nature. Can we get clarity on what we can talk about?
 - Sonja – I feel the coffee talk and the counselors parent talks are so amazing. Great opportunity to see what our parents are thinking. Built transparency through parent engagement in order to be consistent.
 - Katie – at my school for Mental Health Awareness month – one topic for Coffee with Counselors – clinic coming in to discuss mental health and specifically LGBTQ language and the sensitivity around that. We recorded and shared. ASB will print flyers and post around campus, behind bathroom stalls – about how language can hurt others, etc.

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- Cindy - try to have empathy, talk about how we are all different. Speak respectfully – not using youtubers language, how things you say can be taken the wrong way. Feels this language comes from a place of lack of empathy. Stepping backwards with appropriate use of language.
- Julie – after school activities are a great idea, but can we have something during the day. So many kids can't stay afterschool so maybe have something at lunch.
- Kacy – there are so many social clubs going on at lunch on campus. Every morning they are announced. If you saw the summary, you would be impressed.
- Klinger- students, what is the best way to teach students respectful language, hurtful language, and empathy... students what do you think?
 - Sydney – when we had SEL, wasn't very attractive for kids to listen and pay attention. Maybe include fun activities, have kids move around. Some teachers were encouraging them to listen, some teachers let them do homework.
 - Morgan - kids aren't focused during SEL time period – include lessons in all classes, if every teacher talked about it, kids will most likely listen.
 - Klinger - next year we are required to offer 35 minutes weekly of SEL instruction. After talking to students and teachers – this was challenging. Looking at integrating key ideas into departmental lessons. A lesson a week, a 6-8 minute activity. Concern is – it goes in place of academic instruction, parents what do you think about that?
 - Sonja – there is no learning if you don't feel psychologically safe. How can academic learning take place? I think it's a great thing.
 - Cindy – have to build great humans first before we can teach them. Extra challenges this year. Teacher could throw up a screen shot of a text as examples with negative language and use as conversation starter.
 - Klinger – Social emotional learning is a new thing to teachers. The after-school program is great, but our teachers are tired and they have families, can't make them stay after school. Agree about after school activities, but feel kids want to leave and not stay.
- Last year we had a social-emotional goal. Seeing an uptick of kids with anxiety and depression. Does anyone see a reason we should not continue with focus on reducing social emotional and academic anxiety? We all agree this needs to be a focal point.
- Morgan – activities – can we get boys and girls club involved and offering activities, letting the kids know about it. Klinger - B&G club costs money. New students and EL students coming in will get support from B&G club.
- McCarthy – can parents come after school to teach classes? Klinger – but we do need a teacher as an overseer, but it is doable.
- For next year, we are looking to see who is interested in being reps for SEDAC and DAC.
- Need an August meeting to finish up school site plan. Must be approved in September.

Public Concerns

No public concerns

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk