

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
November 8, 2023**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Gina Sillers, Rachael Jordan, Deanna Camacho, Eli Nudel, Daniel Nudel, Kaylin Kelly, Clare Cee, Olivia Chiu, Pam VanUden, Brandy Pacheco, Paige Gonzales, Scott Foli, Karen McCarthy, Katie Dahm, Kacy Butcher, Caitlin Stephens, Reagan LaRue, Olivia Foster, Patti Reis

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:31.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6th Grade Rep – Reagan LaRue:

- Red Ribbon week was fun and we did lots of activities.
- Costume Contest was fun and I got to see my friends' Halloween costumes.
- Coming up on 14th we have future leopard night. Will have a Crew 6 booth. Some of us will talk to parents.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Foster:

- Halloween Dance was a success. Crew 6 was in charge of food and money. Had games in MPR.
- Sport-O-Rama was very fun. The Green Team won.
- The Ballroom was moved to the student store, only one 6th grader instead of 2. Going much better.

7th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Talked to a bunch of friends, one thing that people didn't like about halloween dance, no costumes. People were upset. Kids didn't have enough notice that they couldn't wear costumes.
- Klinger - how can we improve communication?
 - Do announcements about it. Social Media posts (instagram). Email students in advance. Global announcements on Canvas.

7th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel

- Agree that the ball room moved to the student store has been better.
- Best Sport-O-Rama yet.
- Like that my classes have the right amount of tests and homework. We are given notice of long assignments.

8th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Halloween dance was an hour and a half long. As an attendee, we spent a lot of time in line. Haunted house line was an hour long. People were cutting a lot.
- McCarthy - do you think that you rather have inflatables or more stuff to do?
 - Eli - haunted house was good. Nice to have more to do.

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- Klinger - send your ideas for next year to the leadership teachers.

8th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- In Math starting Peer Teach – really fun, more engagement and students helping each other. Makes math more enjoyable.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Sent out our first quarterly newsletter.
- Had time management lessons for 6th graders. Looked at pre test and post test results as well as D and F lists, grades approved by 29%
- Had 1065 counseling visits. Trying to get the word out as to what counselors really do.
- Did a virtual coffee with the counselors, had a handful of people.
- Tonight we have a speaker from Engage Therapy on Reflective Parenting. Link to it on Counseling website.

DAC Report – Patti Reis:

- This month was the Super DAC meeting. Presentation on master grading.
- Klinger - All schools are investigating this book called “Grading for Equity” by Joe Feldman . Mind blowing change. Right now it's about points instead of actually learning. Nothing mandated, just researching. Getting rid of the Zero. Test retakes. Going to be a training for teachers.
- Unity Day - already passed.
- Heard from Planning Commission - Walk and Roll event. Any school can participate.
- Public comment - New West Symphony used to perform, their van was stolen - have a show on March 6th. Possibly make it a field trip.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

- Not present.

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- Not present.

ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Second ELAC meeting tomorrow night - giving awards to students who made progress.
- Bringing back the ELD task force - going thru ELD strategies in classroom.
- Continuing to monitor - having ELPACs to get to.

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Next meeting Nov. 29th.
- Mastery Grading - parents concerned. This conversation is happening in colleges. Not lowering grading standards, just rethinking assessment.

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PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Having some restaurant nights - successful. Thinking about doing one at Amys'. Encouraging Mr. Klinger to attend them.
- Future Leopard Night is coming up and will have a table there. A board member will be there and students from the club. Get the word out about the club.
- Membership numbers are up this year by 5% from last year. Almost 100% for Teachers.
- The Holiday Photo Fundraiser is still going on through tomorrow.
- School Cents - please turn in receipts. Dropped this year, in 15th place. Klinger will get info to parents. Will continue posting in Leopard Letter.
- Got ideas for fundraising or ways to spend the money? Email me. Klinger - looking at adding benches near B3 and maybe by D1. Need new lunch tables.
- Katie - how did e waste recycling go? Deanna - it was really successful. Part of top 5 last year.
- Have a flyer for Holiday shopping - going to have double the points thru Christmas.
- Eli - can leadership students paint tables for community service hours? Klinger - considering that, but not sure I trust kids to paint.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Caitlin Stephens:

- Nothing new.
- We are going to be open from the 20th thru 22nd for fall break at the Redwood B&G Club.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – Equity Grading Mastery - We are trying in English class.
- VanUden - moving forward, not much to report. Kids had fun at Halloween and were looking forward to Thanksgiving.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- 6th Grade outdoor school meeting on Nov. 2nd, 85 to 90 parents showed up. Had a parent meeting and it was recorded. Students received their packet. Due Jan. 19th.
- Future Leopard night next Tuesday. Olivia C. will be speaking. Mainly for parents. Be in the gym, will have a 6th grade and an 8th grade speaker. Our 6th grade Choir will perform.
- Sport-O-Rama was fantastic.
- Thank you to Mrs. Louie for creating the haunted house. She did 30 hours of work.
- Trying to get more outside activities. Our Spanish classes had a field trip to the California Science Museum.
- Sports updates - almost at the end - 6th grade volleyball is the #2 seed. Finals on Monday. 7th grade team is #2 seed will play next Wednesday. 8th grade team is #1 seed will play Wednesday. Basketball teams will start this Thursday.
- Chromebooks - uptick on broken screens. Doing insurance push - only \$39 and covers everything.
- New restroom monitoring. Kids use 5-star to log out and log in. Had over 2000 entries for just October. Talking to parents of those using over 10 passes. Lot of time out of class. Not restricting, just monitoring.

Old Business

No old business

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New Business

Approval of LCMS Safety & Emergency Plan – Gonzales:

- Handed out emergency drill dates for the whole year. We have a command system. Comprehensive safety plan - shows elements and everything you need to know, who does what.
- Laid out by Zone. Exact room locations. Search and rescue team.
- Location of equipment and how to shut off water and gas.
- CHAMPS
- Evacuation attendance form, all teachers have it, need to fill out during an emergency.
- Lockdown procedure drills - where to go.
- Active shooter information.
- Building letters added to portables and gates have been named. For emergency personnel.
- Fire alarm procedures.
- Earthquake and evac procedures.
- Staff release priority.
- Need to create an offsite location to meet up with students. Will review how to match up students with parents quickly.
- Make a motion to approve the LCMS 2023-2024 School Safety & Emergency Plan as presented. Motion seconded.
 - 2023-2024 School Safety & Emergency Plan approved.

Progress Monitoring – Klinger:

- Presented Quarter grades, sorted by department.
- 4 to 5% of students getting D or F. Counselors currently meeting with those kids.
- Why more D's and F's in Science and History. 6th graders any suggestions as to why?
 - Olivia C - history has a lot to remember. Tests on all material, not just recently taught stuff. Big jump from 7th to 8th grade science. Honors have low D and F rate.
 - Kaylin - science is my hardest subject. Lots of details to remember.
 - Eli - I was surprised that math had less Ds and Fs.
 - Dan - Math tutoring program - expanding Peer Tutoring to all subjects?
 - Reagan - peer teach - it makes kids feel weird that you have to teach your friend that should be them teaching you. Feel friends are resistant to being taught by a friend.
- Quarter 1 benchmark, district wide - Same test given 4 times. Just to show the growth over a time.
 - Olivia C. - on Math Benchmark 5 out of 20 questions were on what we know and the rest was to see where you are.
- SDAC - student DAC - accepting applications. Need to pick 2 students to represent.
- Olivia C - why are assessments only done in math? Klinger - All teachers are doing common assessments. Science common assessment coming soon.
- Kaylin - teachers very specific as to 25% - took a lot of pressure off.

Public Concerns

No Comments.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk