

LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Budy, Sonia Dritz, Gweneth S., Candi Garrett, Austin M., Dawn Gould, Jennifer Wutkee, Jamie Bryant, Morgan H., Ashley B., Kourosh A., Julia Blietz, Gina Sillers, Karen McCarthy, Dina Langhorne, Andrea Mettel, Georgia Harden, Kim Michaud, Rocio Perez Turijan, Nancy Crellin, Brandy Pacheco, Elissa Francis, Diana McBride

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 – Morgan Humphrey:

- In Math, we just finished working on Chapter 1 which is mostly review but we learned a few more methods.
- In Science, we are learning about space but mostly the moon and its phases.
- In English, we just started reading the book “Wonder” and do a lot of critical thinking.
- In Social Studies, we are learning about the Early Humans and what they did in their life.
- In Leadership, we are doing a project about someone who inspires and teaches us. For example, I am doing my project on Oprah Winfrey. We are in the middle of presenting them in front of the whole class.
- Last in PE, we ran the mile and we are being tested on different physical activities.

6th Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- In Leadership Crew 6 we do a lot of little things that help the school. Last week every kid in Crew 6 made 1 to 2 kindness posters and we are going to hang them up around the school.
 - We had our Back to School dance at the beginning of the school year and we made games and worked at them.
 - Once a week we go into all of the classes/rooms and get the recycling and bottles.
 - We work in the ball room which is where kids give us their ID card and we give them a ball of their choice at lunch.
 - Upcoming we are having a Halloween Dance and that is on October 25th.

7th Grade Rep – Gweneth Snowden:

- In Math, we started our 7th grade accelerated part a math unit.
- In English, we are learning about sentence structure and are reading the “Giver”.
- In Social Studies, we just finished our chapter of Rome and are starting to learn about the Byzantine Empire.
- In Science, we are starting to finish our in-school group project on how deforestation is affecting photosynthesis and the climate of the Earth.

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- And finally, in PSST we are learning about how to mediate people. We are also planning special dress up day like on 10/11, we are wearing pink to represent breast cancer awareness.

7th Grade Rep – Austin Maziasz:

- We have had two LTAs (lunch time activities) this trimester and both involved water balloons. The first LTA was Water Balloon Baseball – we had a big turn out and was a huge success. The second LTA was a Water Balloon Toss, but the attendance was lower. In the future we can get more people to participate by giving all participants candy, not just the winners.
- I would like to share a concern about the lunch prices are too expensive. For example, 1 piece of pizza and milk costs \$5, it's not a lot of food for growing kids. I have heard several students say they do not want to buy lunch because they think it is overpriced.

8th Grade Rep - Drew Rosen:

- Not present

8th Grade Rep - Kourosh Apfelthaler:

- In PE, we are starting a hockey unit.
- In Choir, we had a great concert last Friday and we are preparing for our winter concert.
- In English, we are working on visual literacy and prompt responses.
- In Social Studies, we are learning the colonization of Europeans to America.
- In Spanish, we are learning terms for family vocabulary.
- In Science, we are taking a test on Buoyancy.
- In Math, we are mastering absolute value inequalities.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Still continuing our 504 meetings, ongoing thru October.
- Student study team meetings are going on for kids who have been identified as having more academic issues.
- Teen Center Meet and Greet – resources – this Thursday (tomorrow).
- Best Counseling program – State driven grant – kids who have no other category that they fit in and score 1's on their CAASPP. Counselor comes once a week to come help them academically.
- Just started BEST program after school academic support last week on Wednesdays – teach kids how to be organized. Based on qualifications and needs.
- Just started H.S. tutoring with 6th graders. Positive experience.
- Started Lunch Bunch – invitation only to kids who are not connected, no place to go or alone at lunch.
- First peer mediation the other day. Kids are in training.
- Up and running and very busy.

DAC Report – Dina Langhorne:

- Board of Ed Update – Jordan Scott, WHS student, is the first Student Board Rep for 2019-2020 school year.
- Discussion over core lit is still going on.
- Spoke of de-escalation rooms and sensory rooms from district.
- Sex Ed policy is to opt out vs opt in.
- Conejo Council PTA is hosting a FREE Saving Hearts Cardiac Screening event on Oct. 19th from 10am – 3pm in the WHS Gym.

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- Conejo Schools Foundation is sponsoring “Annual State of the Schools Breakfast” on Oct. 15th at CLU from 7:30am – 9:00am and it is \$20 per person.
- We now have three new counselors who serve our kids who do not fit in anywhere.
- SEDAC – higher education options and programs are being discussed.
 - Inclusive schools week is in December.
 - New passing under Family Medical Leave Act – now available to students with IEPs
- Programs to explain the educational system
- GATE DAC – has a new system. Having a speaker series that has been moved to evening for more parents.
- Library – providing pop up library programs with free lunch, did over the summer.
 - September was National Library Card Sign Up Month 2019.
 - Homework centers still going on – free tutors on Mondays and Tuesdays at Newbury Park Library and Wednesdays and Thursdays at Thousand Oaks Library.
 - Library has an extra set of books for kids.
 - New Teen Space for kids to hang out in. Grand opening was Sept. 12th at Thousand Oaks Library.
 - Working on having core lit book shelves for HS students.
 - Library Card Design Contest – students design library card. One winner from each category: Elementary (K-5th), Middle (6th -8th), and High School (9th -12th)
- Bond Oversight Committee (Measure I) – \$5 million dollars in projects were completed over the summer.
- Speakers – Kenny Loo, Lou Lichtl & Sonia Wilson gave a lengthy update on what they have been doing.
 - Staff Development Days
 - Piloting of Textbooks
 - Universal Design for Learning
 - College and Career night
 - District webpage has been updated.
- History and Social Science – K-12 History/Social Science framework earliest adoption timeline is piloting new materials, fall 2020.
- CAASPP - This year all schools are expanding interim assessments and using data to inform instruction throughout the year.
- English Language Arts/ELD K-5 books piloted.
- Innovations in Middle Schools – Impact Teams - Professional Learning, CTE programs – Colina MS, ALL It Takes - Notice, Choose, Act
- Outdoor School – new site
- Alignment to HS programs – WHS, TOHS, NPHS

SEDAC Report – Andrea Mettel:

- New parent reps – a lot of the meeting was catching up on where they are at.
- Chairperson Liu navigated members through new changes to district website. Special Ed webpage now has a lot of information. All agendas and minutes are now available on website. You can see all the meetings under Board Docs.
- Standing Committee Reports –
Ms. Holland reported on SELPA and CAC – conducting review of local plan this year to adapt it to the new local plan template for 2020-2021. Will go live in the 2021 school year.
 - Promote connection collaboration between parents.
 - Promote inclusive practices and social/emotional learning.
 - Pacer Center and Judy French - Bullying
- Public Comments –
 - PTA Reps – talked about the National Reflections Program Contest – this year’s theme is “Look Within”.
 - Mrs. Shelton - Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center – upcoming events:

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- Rainbow at CRPD Old Meadows, held first Friday every month from 9:00am – 12:00pm while school is in session. Saturdays at Rainbow held third Saturday of the month from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- Epilepsy Workshop – on Oct. 19th from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- Challenge with bus schedule and times General Ed students are released vs. Special Ed students. Concerned about academic minutes and shortened day. Asking for change.
- Dashboard – directed everyone how to access and understand how it works.
 - Review SEDAC Impact – have 5 standing committees, expanded community outreach, strengthened cross district synergies, SEDAC and DACS have regular reports to the Board of Trustees, and Proposed changed to SPSA Plans.
- SEDAC Members -
 - Maple - Celebrating Unity Day on Oct. 23rd – Landmark unity tree with inclusive message. Similar problems with buses at Maple arriving late.
 - Colina – Co-teaching classrooms and unified games offered at middle school level this year!
 - Sycamore Canyon – Due to reallocations – lost part time Special Ed teacher, lost foundation course. Lisa Miller spoke about parents upset that foundations classes were pushed to General Ed classes, 35-40 students moved to CP class.
 - Site coordinators reclassified to Asst. Principals and are now at the HS. Principals at middle and elementary schools are now site coordinators for their schools. Mr. Klinger is our site coordinator.
 - NPHS - Three of five co-teaching opportunities are now taking place at NPHS. Very successful.
- Ms. Johnson shared dates of the District Transition Nights:
 - Oct. 22 for students transitioning from Be-Me Preschool to Elementary school.
 - Oct. 28 for students transitioning from elementary school to middle school.
 - Oct. 29 for students transitioning from middle school to high school.
 - School choice opens Nov. 1st, 2019
- School Plan for Student Success (SPSA) – Lou Lichtl discussed his presentation.
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) – Mr. Kenny Loo and Mr. Jeremy Resnick went over co-teaching on UDL. They shared the UDL presentation used at the 8/19/19 professional development day with SEDAC members. Dates for this year's UDL training for staff were provided.

GATE Report – Julia Blietz:

- Lot of introductions of new members.
- New Chairperson is Bijaya Eaton spoke on the GATE parent support group that is being started. For parents who are being challenged raising their GATE student.
- GATE DAC this year – district will be paying for 10 teams for Odyssey of the Mind memberships.
- Planning to have more fun Fridays for older students.
- Reviewing of what a gifted child is – overview of spectrums.
- Discussed IDLP - individual learning plan – given to GATE students in elementary schools.
- Enrichment opportunities for GATE students – Fun Fridays, teen tech convention, leap ahead math program, academic enrichments, SPONT day – conducted once a month for Odyssey teams, parent resources for GATE parents.
- GATE website information – templates for admins and GATE facilitators to reach out to GATE parents.
- Discussed responsibility of both GATE DAC reps and facilitators.
- Need to schedule GATE parent meetings at each site to give overview of how each school services GATE students.
- GATE must be incorporated into each site's SPSAs.

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ELAC/DELAC Report –Rosario Perez Turijan:

- DELAC meeting will be on October 29th.
- ELAC meeting was on September 19th.
 - During the meeting, we had 2 student presentations – Takeru A. (6th grade) and James M. (8th grade). Presentations were fantastic!
 - We had information about Q Parent Connect, LCMS website, resources and support at LCMS, and they explained the difference between the ELPAC and CAASPP tests.
 - Mrs. Garcia (English Department) spoke about Universal Design for learning.
 - A parent suggested a topic about how we, as parents, can help our students choose classes correctly.
 - Next meeting will be Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:00pm. The Science department will do a presentation.

PSTA Report – Nancy Crellin:

- PTSA signed fiduciary agreements to fund the Robotics Club's kits for competitions, the Civil War reenactment presentations for 8th grade history classes, and the Moorpark College field trip.
- Reflections entries are due on Friday, October 18 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the LC library.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Georgi Harden:

- Enrichment started a week ago.
 - Members of our Passport to Manhood class have been discussing different career paths and the education they need to obtain to achieve these. They also got to play a life simulations game that requires them to keep a mock budget and try to pay for everything they need on a salary of an average job without a college education.
 - Torch Club will be having Fall Elections coming up and have also been discussing ways that students want to get involved in giving back to the school community. Our goal is to make torch club members leaders in their school and in their community and to help them give back and speak up about things they are passionate about!
- This Friday, October 4th we are doing a sleepover – kids are invited and it's \$25 for parents to have a night out.
- On October 15th we are doing a Zombie Run.
- On October 29th we have our Haunted House and Halloween party that is open to everyone.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

Mrs. Michaud – School Activities

- Today is our Step It Up! Assembly – only fundraiser for the year.
- Crew 6 – Oct. 11th Spirit Day - Wear Pink for breast cancer awareness.
- Oct 17th is the Great American Shake Out.
- Sport-O-Rama will be on Oct. 18th – coaches are meeting tomorrow – teams are made and will be posted.
- Halloween dance is Oct. 25th from 7-9 pm in MPR.
- Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 28th thru Oct. 31st.
- Halloween Costume Contest – Oct. 31st at lunch.

Mr. Klinger – School progress reports coming out on Q Friday, Oct. 4th.

- 8th grade contacts have been handed out. Privileges will be removed if caught vaping or with any vape paraphernalia.
- Sandy Hook presentation “Start with Hello” – program to support students.
- CAPS training – 6 teachers attending – principal network – make professional learning better.

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- Future Leopard night – there was a request to give 6th grade students an opportunity to meet teachers and see classrooms. May restructure.
- Agendas came!!

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

Michaud - 2019-2020 School Safety Plan Approval

- Board voted and approved the 2019-2020 Safety Plan

Klinger – Nutrition

- Sent out survey about nutrition – asked them 2 questions.
- Not a huge majority of teachers want to change the schedule,
- He will talk more thoroughly with teachers and may or may not vote.
- Gweneth – asked if students will be surveyed.
 - Any schedule change per contract must be approved by the teachers. As we move forward with this investigation, a survey of the parents and students would be conducted.

Klinger - Single School Plan

- One goal is to make it more inclusive. Thank you for coming to our breakout meeting. Very beneficial to read through everything.
- Klinger handed out conclusion statements from the meeting.
- Discussed our strengths and weaknesses.
- Klinger passed out Goals – goals were slightly changed – got rid of technology goal. Going to incorporate technical goals into general academic goals to support student learning. As the details of the Single School Plan are developed, they will be shared with SSC members to review prior to the formal vote in the November SSC meeting.
- November 1st: LCMS will conduct a comprehensive U.D.L. (University Design for Learning) professional development day.

Public Concerns

- Too much coloring – 6th graders are doing coloring. Gwen said spending too much time on homework when having to color a large project.
- No soap in Boys locker room. When Jason went to check, there was soap.
- Our Website – trying to get website updated, we lost our site tech.
- PSAT – information will be going out Oct. 14th.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk