

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Present at the meeting were: Jason Klinger, Kim Michaud, Gina Sillers, Sonja Montiel, Brandy Pacheco, Karen McCarthy, Morgan H., Nicole Flores, Ashley B., Seyda Cumhur, Kacy Butcher, Rachel Fischbach, Deanna Camacho, Donna Lovretovich, Nicole Campos, Olivia C., Claudia Hernandez, Julie Wang, Adrian S., Sydney K., Clare C., Morgan H.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Sad to hear about dance postponed.
- Doing a great job with COVID. Teachers are enforcing rules.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Agree with Sydney, getting back from break is hard.
- In PE – preparing for the Mile test. Some kids prepared for it over break.
- Leadership – preparing for quarterly gains.
- Good to know Blacklite dance is postponed.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Adrian Soldevila:

- Not much to report since we got back from break.
- Agree with Block schedule explanation to students would be helpful.
- With COVID cases rising, a lot of kids do not wear their mask correctly. Most do not use hand sanitizer.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Sydney Katz:

- PE – we finished archery, going into volleyball. Mile test next week.
- Science – genetics, doing fun experiments
- Math – started unit on circumference
- Social Studies – did an awesome project on Empires of Asia, then learning about Japan
- Choir – had our winter concert, went so well. Practicing for festival (Feb/Mar), then spring concert.
- Leadership – postponing the Blacklite dance to March. Not safe with current situations.
- English – getting ready for benchmarks next week.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Ashley Bryant:

- We are studying for our benchmark test.
- Teachers doing a good job at preparing us for benchmarks. Giving out worksheets to prepare.
- Blacklite dance postponed is sad. Good idea to keep kids safe.

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Morgan Humphrey:

- Winter break was great. Got more organized during break.
- Teachers are assigning a lot of work and projects, getting ready for tests.
- Teachers giving clear directions on assignments and what's expected.
- Giving us a week for a project or to study.
- On Monday, one of my subs didn't have access to new protocols and rules regarding Covid. We didn't get to hear about new protocols. Klinger – it was just a refresher of the rules.
- One class we had a sub and she did not wear her mask for most of class. Not the best role model.
- Students are doing better with the mask situation.
- When block schedule comes up, most students won't know what that means. Good idea to have someone tell students about block schedule.
- Construction is going well and making progress.

### Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Starting Coffee with Counselors – next one is Jan. 27, 12:30 – 1:15. On Zoom. Will post on counseling website and send out in Leopard Letter.
  - Going over academic planning. Math flow chart, high school planning.
- Gearing up for registration. Elementary visits to all feeder school.
  - Our kids will register in March. Doing it online. Have teachers at our site to show a video on how to register.
- Still involved with social/emotional lessons. Before break - we covered positive self-talk, will be working on positive affirmations, goal setting and action plans today. Coming up focusing more on action plans and how to set goals.
- Still seeing some select students regularly for social emotional support. Always available for drop-ins.

### DAC Report – Cindy Mayling:

- Not Present.

### SEDAC Report – Deanna:

- Nothing to report – have not received notes from last meeting.

### GATE Report – Julie Wang:

- Information from the December GATE-DAC meeting
  - A history of the GATE program in CVUSD was provided at the GATE DAC meeting. I emailed a summary of this to all LC GATE families who opted in for LCMS GATE communications.
  - Thousand Oaks Arts has a grant program (AccessArts) that is currently only open to elementary schools. If there is interest at the middle school level, reach out to TO Arts to provide justification and rationale for the need for arts funding.
  - Initial rounds of GATE screening are complete. Families will receive notifications from the district in mid-January 2022.
- LCMS-specific updates
  - Mrs. Blazer hosted a lunchtime Escape Room activity in December, which the students enjoyed.
  - We are working on scheduling an engineering lunchtime activity in February, to be led by the WHS Girls in STEM club.

### ELAC/DELAC Report – Claudia:

- Nothing new to report.

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### PSTA Report – Deanna:

- Just had GA meeting – we are getting started on Nomination committee to get board put together for the next GA meeting for new elections. If anybody is interested in joining the board for next year, send their application and position interested in to Donna or myself.
- Go to website for forms (lcmspts.org) – PTSA Awards: Founders Day, the HSA Awards, people that are recognized for an award. Can fill out forms and turn in to office anytime up to February 28<sup>th</sup>. Description for each award is found on website as well.

### Boys & Girls Club Report – Nikki McNeil:

- Not present.

### Teacher Reports:

- Fischbach – loved seeing kids after break. Students are wearing mask and are ready to get back.

### Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- End of Semester – ends next Thursday, 1/13. Teachers are pushing for final grades. First time on Semesters in 14-15 years in MS. This will count as permanent transcript grades.
- Final block schedule next week – Wed (1-3-5) and Thur (2-4-6). Communication will go out to families. Will post on canvas as well
- Elective Wheels – will switch teachers at semester.
- Mrs. Pacheco is working on state testing. Was absent for past 2 years. Will be back this year during Block schedule. We haven't seen student progress in 2 years. Testing in Math and English classes. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also do a Science test.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade families – HS counselors will come on campus and speak to students and do presentations in SS classes. Do an overview of classes and registration. Then in evening – actual HS counselors will do a parent presentation, answer parent questions. Probably done virtually on Zoom.
  - Following week, counselors come back, do online registration, and input student courses.
- Construction continues to progress. Was supposed to be done painting but because of rain its delayed. Need four more days to finish painting. There will be an awning going up. A big steel problem, so not sure when they will be done.
- Midst of COVID surge. Hopefully parents receive info from district. CDC changed quarantine time, but CA state public health has not accepted it yet.
  - Seeing a lot of positive cases from over break – both staff and students.
  - We have staff out and a sub shortage. 30 subs positions not filled. Admins are in classrooms.
  - Start spraying classrooms again at night.
  - Testing sites have been hard. Hopefully they will open up testing sites at High Schools.

### Questions –

- Deanna - How do you address students who do not wear masks correctly?
- Klinger – will continue to announce and remind students to wear masks above nose. Students don't need to wear mask outside, but most are.
- Julie – choir classes are meeting outside without masks - Can you give kids an option to wear a mask? Sydney said Hague wants kids to not wear masks but kids are welcome to keep it on. Jason will talk to Hague to allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to wear masks.

### Old Business

No old business

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New Business

Single School Plan Progress Monitoring – Will hold off and present new data at next meeting.

Public Concerns

No public concerns.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk