

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES
December 6, 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, Paige Gonzales, Scott Foli, Karen McCarthy, Katie Dahm, Kacy Butcher, Reagan LaRue, Olivia Foster, Patti Reis, Martina Ziegenfuss, Michelle McEvoy

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:

- Have a choir concert coming up.
- It is Mrs. Ogans last week before she leaves on maternity leave.
- Movie Night happening.

6th Grade Rep – Olivia Foster:

- In Social Studies learning about Israel.
- Ballroom needs a place for student IDs.
- Christmas break is the 22nd.
- 6th grade Volleyball team beat Colina during playoffs. We went on to Championships and won against Sycamore Canyon.

7th Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Agree with what others said about tests after break. I had 2 tests the week we got back from break.
- I felt the rally was only fun for those involved. A few leadership kids only picked their friends to participate. No real complications.

7th Grade Rep – Eli Nudel

- We had a test too in Math after break.
- The rally was awesome. Jazz Band and Leadership did a great job.
- My SS test - very hard, most people in class got 18 out of 20.

8th Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Rally - as a spectator it was fun for those involved, but not very interesting for the audience.
- After Thanksgiving Break I had a math test. Forgot material so it was hard to start with a test.

8th Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Rally was last Friday. Want to prepare more rallies so more students can get involved.

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- 6th grade leadership - helping with a basketball tournament after break. Some ASB kids signed up as referees.

Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Waiting for holiday, it's a short quarter. End of the semester is 22nd.
- Working on D and F list.
- Going to survey the kids - root cause analysis survey.
- Starting elementary school visits for 5th graders and present to them.
- 7th grade lesson in January - Career Zones / College & Career Readiness.
- Had the reflective parenting speaker. She was excellent - had 20 people attend.

DAC Report – Patti Reis:

- Last DAC meeting was Nov 14.
- On panel - Reps there from Elem, Middle, and High school - what their school does for site council meetings. LC is very unique for having students on council.
- Other reps felt they didn't have much involvement from parents.
- All reps shared ideas on ways to reach out to school community. Possibly put info in Leopard Letter.
- Had a table at BTSN with DAC and SSC to tell people about it.
- Possibly send out a newsletter that go out to families.
- Report on legislative process in Calif. The legislative calendar doesn't line up and there are too many committees.
- Health and Wellness - had 21,000 walk in visits to date.
- Artificial intelligence - false positives will come up as far as cheating. The detention isn't accurate.
- Dec. 5 thru Jan. 5 - window for midyear school choice applications for next year due Jan 31st.
- Superintendent issued a statement against bigotry.
- Katie - Patti did a great job being on the spot as a panelist.

SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

- Meeting was back in November.
- Meeting focused on transitions - great links available. I want to put together something to send out to parents. Klinger - sending out a special email to SPED families.
- Next meeting in January.
- Gonzales - we just held elementary to middle school transition night - showed parents program information. Had a great turnout.

GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- Have had a couple of meetings.
- GATE screening for referred students happening on campuses between Nov. 30 and Dec. 20th. Have new GATE DAC reps this year.
- Working on the identification process. District working hard to identify all students who need to be in GATE.
- Tri County GATE Council - has a collection of teacher and student grants that release applications for. Grants \$300 each for GATE students, due Jan. 5th for applications.
- District working on coordinating a middle school global field trip to JPL. Hard to get a slot.
- Shout out - GATE activity on Friday with Mr. Pyle.

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ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Starting ELD taskforce today after school with one teacher from each area.
- Getting into data of the D and F list - find out what root issues are.
- Looking at EL and reclassified students - problem solve.
- Next ELAC meeting in January

LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Meeting last week.
- Christina Harrison presentation - gender restrooms on campuses. Bill signed that requires on or before January 2026 - public schools must provide and maintain at least 1 all gender restroom.
- Breakout discussions with Elem reps - discuss ways to recognize pride and LGBTQ history month.
- Anyone can join a secondary sub committee.
- Jan. 24 next meeting - anyone can attend.
- Add a link on the newsletter for all council meeting minutes.

PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Have \$350 coming back from Holiday Photo fundraiser.
- Family food night - we lost our fundraising chair. Putting more fundraisers together.
- Working on school cents - far behind. Need more receipts.
- Kaylin - how much did Ameci's make - made \$220. Working on Valentinos.
- Providing holiday cookies for teachers and staff.
- Klinger - purchased more umbrellas for shade.
- Replaced all stanchions.
- Purchase benches between portables.
- Toy drive donations happening now in the front office.

Boys & Girls Club Report – Caitlin Stephens:

- Not present.

Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – helping students understand that semester is almost over and need to get work done.
- Van Uden - shout out to Mrs. Gonzalez - on rally video. Journalism club - kids are really enjoying it. Questions to PTSA - Used to have scholastic book fair, can we bring that back? Deanna - hoping to do that in the spring for a fundraiser.

Principal's Report – Jason Klinger:

- Outdoor School coming in Feb. - deadline is Friday Jan. 19th for paperwork - sending an email to remind families. No student will be left back due to financial reasons.
- Successful fall sports season - two champs - 6th grade girls volleyball and 8th grade girls volleyball. 7th grade lost in semi finals, 7th grade boys basketball lost in semi finals and 8th grade boys basketball lost in championship.
- Held first lock down drill on Nov. 15th - went on PA to do a countdown. Found 2 open doors and there were gaps with sub doors. Added paper telling subs to lock doors at all times.
- Principal's Honor Roll from last year semester 2 passed out - have new certificates.

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- This year doing flex interventions on Weds - continuing to evolve - teachers working with kids. We need to do a revote and needs to be 70% or above. Teachers and staff will be revoting next week. If approved, it will be set for 3 years.
- Ran report for restroom use, 2114 restroom entries for November. Looking at excessive uses and calling parents.
- Movie Night - Friday Dec. 15th.
- Counselors working on college and career week in March. Inviting parents to do career presentations.

Old Business

- Kaylin - about phones - 5th and 6th period classes - a lot of people go on phones at lunch and look up all the answers. Friends will give answers to questions who had class earlier. SS is a class where more students cheat.
- Eli - I admit that at lunch I will check my phone.
- Scott - kudos to leadership on Future Leopard night was awesome.

New Business

Progress Monitoring – Klinger:

- Presented Quarter 2 Grade Analysis.
- 6th grade improved. Major increase in 7th grade. Bigger numbers in History and Science.
- Math Common Assessment - 6th grade CP - average 80%. SPED was 83%. Math accelerated average 90%
- 7th grade - up in 80's. EL and SPED having more difficulty. 7th Accelerated numbers are great.
- 8th grade - in the 80's. White board and peer teach improving results.
- Science assessment - median score 80%. Hardest question on test.
- Next results will be at Feb meeting.

Public Concerns

No Comments.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk