

La Jolla High School
Site Governance
Minutes

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Date: Monday, May 4, 2021 at 2:30pm via Zoom

Present (in bold):

Community Member:

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Parents:

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Teachers:

VAPA: Susanne Friedrich: sfriedrich@sandi.net

Math: Melanie Menders: mmenders@sandi.net

World Languages/SDEA Rep: Wendy Wira Bridger: wwira@sandi.net

English: Carole LeCren: clecren@sandi.net

Social Studies: Kerry Dill: kdill@sandi.net

Science: Aaron Quesnell [confirm that he is the representative for Science] (absent)

ED Specialists/SDEA Rep: Debbie Williams: dwilliams4@sandi.net

Admin: Dr. Chuck Podhorsky: cpodhorsky@sandi.net

Athletic Director/PE: Paula Conway: pconway@sandi.net (absent)

Vice Principal: Cindy Ueckert: cueckert@sandi.net

Vice Principal: Joe Cavaiola: jcavaiola@sandi.net

Students:

Lilly Grunski: lg17tcs@gmail.com (absent)

Call to Order: 2:32 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were shared from the April meeting. Moved by consensus.

Operational/Instructional Updates:

Dr. Podhorsky shared that the district has announced that they plan to have a “regular” school year for next year, with a standard schedule.

He recognized the teachers today for Teacher Appreciation Day, and Carole LeCren as Site Teacher of the Year.

Plans are going along for graduation at Petco Park. Julie MacDonald asked about handicapped accessible seats.

The district will be sending out a survey to see who wants to learn remotely next year, which will affect the master schedule. The hope is to get student schedules finalized by the end of this year in order to avoid working over the summer.

David Chu said it has come to his attention that some teachers are asking their students to text in order to communicate. He asked if this was appropriate. Dr. Podhorsky pointed out that the use of a Google phone or an app like Remind may “use” texting. Several teachers shared experiences about the safety issues and/or the necessity of using text as a last resort to contact students.

Julie MacDonald asked about the wi-fi issues on campus. Teachers shared that wi-fi was not good the first week, it’s getting better.

2021/2022 School Year planning updates

Looking at course requests, and that additional layer of the online component, is where we are at currently. Dr. Podhorsky estimates that fewer than 10% of the students will choose to remain online.

Susanne Friedrich asked if the school will go back to a six-period day. Dr. Podhorsky explained that most likely, although a four-by-four schedule is a possibility, if the site governance team wants to pursue it. The staff would need to want it. Susanne also asked about a cap on number of students in a class. Discussion ensued about the benefits and negative aspects of some type of block/4 x 4.

Melanie Menders asked why families are being given the chance to stay online? Because of COVID or for other reasons? Kerry Dill shared that some families are have medical issues in order to protect their health. Discussion ensued about the possibilities and logistics of online vs. inperson instruction.

Summer School

Dr. Podhorsky explained the summer school system for this year:

-Summer school will be on our campus; students can go to their neighborhood school.

-Students can remediate or do extension/enrichment (from a humanities or math/science block). More information about the extension will be communicated to the administrators on this Thursday. It's called Level Up San Diego.

-The VAPA program will be doing some kind of summer enrichment (elementary will all have art teachers). Susanne shared that Stacy Allen will be running a theater program. Susanne and Paul Marcus are also interested in running some type of program (art/ceramics). She is looking into the funding.

3:25 PM - Department Updates

Athletics: [absent]

Counseling (SEL Updates): [absent]

English: none

Library: [absent]

Math: [none]

Science: [absent]

Social Studies: The department has been working on AP. The department are appreciative of Annette and Zoe (two new teachers to the department).

Special Education: They are finishing up with their IEPs.

VAPA: They will have their Green Dragon Art Show on Friday, June 4, outside in the parking place. Theater, ceramics, and woodshop will collaborate with art. Times: noon to 3 PM. AP students are the driving force.

World Languages: [absent]

Roundtable

Is there a lockdown/shelter in place drill soon? Answer: Yes.

Why are we asking students to use baby wipes to clean their desks? Answer: UCSD is the advisor to the district on mitigation...the problem was with limitations on alcohol wipes.

The free/reduced lunches seem to be overstocked. What about wastage or the ability to adjust? Where does the extra food go? Answer: Cindy will check on how the cafeteria deals with adjusting.

Adjourn: 3:18 PM

Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday, June 8, 2:30-3:30 pm