

La Jolla High School  
Site Governance  
**DRAFT** Minutes

**Date: Monday, April 6, 2021 at 2:30pm via Zoom**

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**Present (in bold):**

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\*Social Studies: **Kerry Dill**: [kdill@sandi.net](mailto:kdill@sandi.net)

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Students:

Lilly Grunski: [lg17tcs@gmail.com](mailto:lg17tcs@gmail.com) (absent)

Call to Order: 2:32 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were shared from the March meeting. Moved to approve.

Operational Updates/Safety Measures:

Dr. Podhorsky reviewed some of the operational logistics of next week's return to school, including entrances and exits, grab-and-go lunches, etc. He explained that roughly 740 students are returning to campus (although 60 have switched their original decision in the last few days). The number determines that we need to start with a two-day model based on the class sizes. If it turns out that the numbers drop, it may be possible to go to a four-day model. He shared the returning-to-campus handbook and showed a video that will be available. There will also be an orientation for freshmen on Friday.

#### Instructional Updates:

Dr. Podhorsky shared there are five teachers who will not be returning to teach on campus (for various reasons). They will be teaching remotely, and an adult will supervise the on campus students in the classroom. He also addressed that on campus students may choose to return to the online model (but may not flip back and forth), but online students cannot change their minds to come on campus unless there is space available. A question was raised about if the students at home will have the same quality of instruction online and as the students will who are in person. Discussion ensued about the connectivity and bandwidth issues. Some teachers clarified that the intention is to instruct online and on-site students simultaneously; there is no intention to push out asynchronous materials to just the online students and then teaching only the onsite students.

#### 2021/2022 School Year Planning:

Dr. Podhorsky shared that the master schedule is well on its way to finalizing schedules for students, based on articulation choices. As far as teacher "layoffs," the district appears to be making every attempt to keep teachers. On school sites, though, there are several teachers who have what are called "temporary" contracts, so there is the possibility that they can lose their position at a site as shifting occurs.

#### Senior Activities:

Dr. Podhorsky shared he was committed to some kind of onsite graduation, even if it required multiple graduations with limits on family attendance. An opportunity came up to use Petco Park, which will allow up to 500 graduates and four family members, with photos and jumbotron included. Fran Shimp shared that the PTSA is voting tomorrow is trying to rent out Belmont Park for this year's (and last year's) class to have a local grad night experience--with a lot of discussions about cost, logistics, etc. from 8 PM to 2 AM. They are hoping to get ticket sales going by the end of this week. The PTSA may also get yard signs again for seniors, with a limited budget, and perhaps asking senior families if they want one before purchasing them..

#### Department Updates:

*Athletics:* none

*Counseling:* none

*English:* Carole shared that the PLCs are continuing to meet, including the 9th grade new curriculum. We are also working on using new class novels, dependent on available funds.

*Yearbook:* Carole “finalized” the yearbook TODAY! Now all we have to do is sell the rest of them in order to pay our bill.

*Math:* Melanie shared that the seniors in AP are struggling this year.

*Social Studies:* Kerry shared that Zoe Fox, the new social studies teacher, is doing well. She also reminded everyone that Quarter 4 consists of 37 days.

*Special Education:* Debbie shared that they’re working on IEPs. A suggestion was made to keep IEPs on Zoom.

*VAPA:* Susanne expressed her concerns about improving the art area, including a sign and a better wall to replace the chain-linked fence.

*World Languages:* Wendy shared that everyone seems to be doing well; she will get to see her first year students for the first time during Quarter 4.

*AP:* Wendy asked if there is going to be any coordinated review. Kerry shared that the social studies department is considering extra Zoom reviews, rather than an in-person tutorial, in order to accommodate all students.

Roundtable:

None.

**3:13 PM – Adjourn**

**Future Meeting Dates:** Tuesday 2:30 PM  
May 4