

La Jolla High School
Site Governance
DRAFT Minutes

Date: Monday, March 9, 2021 at 2:30pm via Zoom

Present (in bold):

Community Member:

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Parents:

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*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: 2:30 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were shared from the January meeting.

Reopening Plan: (logistics, instruction (online and in-person): Dr. Podhorsky shared that the plan is going forward. He said the classrooms have been reconfigured for 15

students. The lockers have been emptied and will be locked (Fran Shimp suggested putting the locks back on) to prevent student congregation. He talked about setting a welcoming tone. Constraints to the plan/return depend on final negotiations with the union. Questions from parents included:

Question: Do teachers have to return?

Answer: There is a process for teachers to go through to allow them to continue to teach from home.

Question: Will the school be able to accommodate all the students who want to return?

Answer: The courses have, roughly 30 students, so with an A/B pattern, only 15 people will be at a time.

Question: What about the ventilation system?

Answer: Several details were shared (exchanges, filters, getting outside air exchanges).

Question: What about testing, contact tracing, mandatory vaccines?

Answer: We have weekly testing on campus now, especially for athletes. We've always had contact tracing. Vaccines cannot be made mandatory.

Question: Will P.E. meet/suit up?

Answer: At this time, no.

Enrollment Numbers and Allocations for 2021/2022:

We lost 2.6 FTEs because of slightly lower projected enrollment. We've had fewer than 15 principal-request transfers to private school for next year. Dr. Podhorsky is more worried about middle school articulation. He complimented Fran Shimp for, over the years, getting the pulse of who/why people move to other schools. Fran asked if he wants that survey out now for this year with an "I don't know yet" option. She also shared that La Jolla Elementary is losing 6 teachers, so down the line that will affect our enrollment. Cindy Ueckert shared that articulation for this next school year is almost completed, so then we will have a better idea of enrollment.

Forward Look to Centennial of LJHS:

Susanne Friedrich asked about sprucing up the classes that weren't renovated for the 100th anniversary of the school. Dr. Podhorsky offered to do a walkabout with the Foundation to look for potential areas to spruce up. He thinks most of the campus is looking pretty good. Melanie Menders asked about landscaping. Carole LeCren asked for verification about which upcoming year is the actual 100th anniversary--since that directly affects the yearbook.

AP Administration:

Joe Cavaiola shared that the College Board is (after waiting) doing two versions: one is similar to the paper/multiple sites on campus type. These will be full length multiple choice and written responses, with a booklet that they can write in. May 3-17 is the testing window for that. Because College Board knows that some schools were doing quarters,

and realized that students taking courses in the spring would be at a disadvantage because they would have fewer instruction days, they developed online versions of full length exam remotely. Two digital versions windows: May 18-28, May 31-June 11. The digital session would be at home, but the school would also offer a place on campus for students to take the digital version in a quieter place with stronger bandwidth. The digital version does not allow students to go back to earlier questions; whereas the paper version has some of that flexibility. The tests are not significantly different; the difference is the environment/situation of the exam. Joe also shared that while these multiple windows of Advanced Placement testing are taking place, currently the state CAASSP/SBAC testing will take place at the same time.

Kerry shared a link: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-2021-exam-formats.pdf>. She shared that most of her AP students want to take it from home. She also asked if students could mix their settings, example, take AP Art History digitally and AP Psychology on campus. Joe answered that yes, and he also suggested students should choose the second digital window and avoid the third digital window, since it is so close to the end of school. There are a lot of what-if scenarios.

We are still offering the SAT on March 24.

Department Updates:

Athletics: Joe shared that CIF meets weekly on Tuesdays, and the parameters/rules seem to change. Currently, many athletes are required to do weekly testing. Tomorrow, indoor volleyball, the first indoor sport, will start tryouts. Currently, all teams must stay in San Diego County, and no fans are allowed. Field space and gym time are super tight. An opportunity to play/participate in some way is the goal. First scrimmage in football against Oceanside is this Friday. Some kind of videocasting will be attempted for the football field and the gym, but not for the tennis and baseball/softball facilities.

Counseling: Kerry shared the Virtual Calming Room.

English: Carole shared the the PLCs are meeting to share online curriculum, and looking into various materials.

Yearbook: Carole encouraged the parents on the team to pass along that this is going to be a historic yearbook.

Math: Melanie Menders shared that three students will be taking the American Invitational Math Exam AIME. Melanie shared that she has finished the AP Calculus curriculum and will start reviewing.

Social Studies: Kerry said that her department is also eager to get back.

World Languages: Wendy shared that she finished the AP Latin curriculum with 3 weeks to spare for review (usually she has six). She is very excited that they completed it.

Roundtable:

There were 288 freshmen with a 3.8 GPA in academic and citizenship. Joe shared that certificates were sent to them through the mail (in place of the annual celebration with ASB).

Graduation:

Dr. Podhorsky is advocating for an in-person ceremony, although details about if there will be social distancing, limit to fans/family sizes, etc. The goal is to have our seniors on the field in some way.

Fran asked about other gatherings for seniors. Other than some schools' PTSAs buying into a grad night (Disneyland? Magic Mountain?), nothing is planned.

3:40 PM – Adjourn

Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday 2:30 PM

April 6

May 4