



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOARD/STAFF LINKAGE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**2:30 – 3:30 ES Library**

**3:45 – 4:45 MS Commons**

**4:45- MS Library**

Board Members Present: Win Muffett, Eric Lindberg, Craig Whited, Amanda Miller, Dorri Oldham

Board Members Absent:

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O’Neil, Laurie Landerholm, Gary McGarvie, Matt Johnson, Greg Hall, Dave McIntosh

Staff and Guests: Connie Majors, Megan Cooper, Kris McKinney, Michelle Cuthbert, Nancy Buhrmester, Amy Webberley, Kylie Resch, Elda Hyde, Tonya McCord, Emily Bevard, Kathy Griffith, Kate Denney, Danielle Rivers, Pete Poppert, Sierra Thomas, Diane Suomi, Karen Ford, Daniel Thiessen, Andrea Austad, Emily Gedenberg, Minna Thayer, Denelle Eiesland, Heather Grotte, Todd Brothers, Tammy Brightbill, Jason Grotte, Nathan Wilfong, Rebecca Morris, Brian Clegg  
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

The board and staff met in small round-table discussions at the elementary library with elementary staff and the middle school commons with secondary staff. After the 2 meetings with staff, the board debriefed in the middle school library to discuss the topics that they heard during the 2 meetings.

The topics discussed were:

- Substitute shortage – this is a problem state wide.
- Staff liked the format of the meeting this year as opposed to last year.
- Staff offered kudos to admin for consistently taking care of any problems in a timely manner.
- ES wants more parent involvement – possibly bring back the Watchdogs program?
- MS is pleased with the career discussions with students.
- HS students need scholarship and career guidance. It appears to be lacking this year. The new counselors are overwhelmed, kids are anxious about it. What is the priority for counselors? Need to get input from the HS admin and give direction to the counselors.
- TK kids are hard to contain taking focus away from learning especially during music classes.
- HS students that go to Cispus as counselors have a hard time catching up when they return to school.
- MS needs more electives, especially for 6<sup>th</sup> period so that athletic students don’t miss as many

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- core classes.
- Phones in class are still an issue. LC has a policy that says the teacher has the right to say no phones are allowed in their classroom.
  - SLC Behavior issues – Student violence towards a staff members. Admin is aware and is working on the situation.
  - Absences – there seems to be a high number of absences. Need to stress to parents the importance of attendance. It would be a good reminder for everyone. How do we engage our parents so that they are more involved?

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

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Board Chair – Win Muffett

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