



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOARD/STUDENT LINKAGE
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Board Members Present: Craig Whited, Dorri Oldham, Eric Lindberg

Board Members Absent: Amanda Miller, Samuel Glackler

Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz

Administrators: Michelle O’Neil, Matt Johnson, Lauri Landerholm, Steve Avery, Greg Hall

Staff and Guests: Stephanie Holmes

Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

The board and students met in small groups at each location. Elementary Bobcat Ambassador students met with the board in the Teaching and Learning Center from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Topics discussed were:

- What Bobcat Ambassadors do – leaders, give tours to new students, make them feel comfortable, help with food drives, make the school better
- Students would like to not have portable classrooms as they are noisy
- Students feel like they have to wake up too early for school
- Would like to do recess before lunch
- Would like teachers to allow 5 minute brain breaks in class
- PAWS is working well for kids – it is not as noisy in the hallways now
- Students want bullying handled differently. Students don’t feel like they can stand up to bullies, even if a teacher gets involved it doesn’t change.

The board met with middle school students from Mrs. Roy’s first period 8th grade history class from 9:10 to 9:40 a.m. Topics discussed were:

- WIN time is going well. It gives students a chance to make up work. Students would like to see more variety of other activities for the students that don’t need to do make up work. Can feel like a waste of time for students who are caught up.
- Students would like to see more extracurricular activities such as a dance club.
- Would like a foreign language class (French or Spanish)
- Hallways are bad during passing period. Kids run and push each other. Would like teachers in the hall during this time. Kids also slam the bathroom doors.
- Behavior is better this year and the school does a good job of welcoming new students.
- There is some name calling and rudeness from some students.
- Students feel like they have enough time to complete work in class without having too much homework.

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Minutes are draft until approved by the board.

The board then met with high school students in the high school library from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m.

Topics included:

- The school has a community feeling and students feel like the teachers are involved
- Students are able to take classes that were not offered before, they like the variety and new opportunities.
- Students need more ways to get involved, would like to see a program such as Breaking Down the Walls
- Would like kickoff at the beginning of the year to be targeted at all students. Felt like it was just for freshman this year. All students feel uncertain at the beginning of the school year.
- People hang out in the bathroom making students feel uncomfortable if a group of students is in there. Feel like vape detectors would be good.
- School Spirit weeks such as during homecoming or tolo would be good to have throughout the year. Something like the luau at the beginning of the year would help students start the year off right and feel welcome.
- Have upper classmen/lower classmen “Buddies,” It would be good to have someone that has experience in school for you to talk to/count on.
- Feel like there is a slack in the art classes. Would like another teacher that teaches drawing/painting. Students need other ways to get art credits.
- Would like a wider variety of A/P classes that are consistently offered so that you can plan your 4 years.
- Freshman feel like the school spirit is good.
- Forecasting and class options are good, but would like to see sports medicine or health classes.
- Cascadia is a good option, it’s nice to have a variety of options to better prepare for the future.
- Students feel like going to Clark or LCC gives you experiences that you don’t get in high school, while others feel like the high school experience is lost if you do Running Start.
- Offering a variety of programs can help kids figure out if a particular job would be right for them.

The board then met in the district office to discuss what they learned from students. The board would like information on MS WIN time offerings, teacher requests vs. teacher availability. What percentage of classwork is still missing from students now that WIN time has been implemented? High school could have lunch time clubs or morning clubs to allow students in after-school sports to be more involved in the club offerings. Would like a survey of students to see if they are or are not involved in sports/activities and the reasons why. The board would like to see clubs showcased at school, possibly during career day. What is the GPA difference of kids who participate in sports/activities vs. those that don’t participate? Would like to see senior advisory specific to graduation requirements and scholarships to help students with preparing for college. What are the scholarship numbers from the last few years? What can be done about vaping in the restrooms since it seems to be a continual problem?

As this was a workshop of the board, no action was taken.

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Craig Whited

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member Amanda Miller

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