SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT La Jolla High School SSC Meeting (January 6, 2023)

Staff		
•	Dr. Chuck Podhorsky, Principal (Permanent Member)	
~	Joe Cavaiola, Vice Principal	
	Melanie Menders, Classroom Teacher	
~	Cathy Hutchins, Classroom Teacher	
~	Samuel, Cisneros, Classroom Teacher/Chair	
~	Megan Cox, Staff Representative	

Parents/Community Members		
✓ Kim Smith, Parent (year 2 of 2)		
	Glenn Morgan, Parent (year 1 of 2)	
	Jill Rogers Lewis, Parent/Vice Chair (year 2 of 2)	

Students		
	Nicole Guevara, Student	
	Angelina Kwan, Student	
	Kamryn Clothier, Student/Secretary	

Quorum Met		
No		

Item	Description/Action	Meeting Summary
Call to Order	Sam A. Cisneros - SSC Chair	Meeting was called to order at 3:35
Approval of Minutes		Cathy Hutchins made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2022. Motion was seconded by Megan Cox. Minutes of 12/5/2022 were approved.
Public Comment		Sam Cisneros commented on the lack of student representation at SSC meetings. None of the 3 elected student reps have attended meetings this year. Dr. Podhorsky said that he would contact the students regarding this matter.

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SSC Business	1. Kerry Dill	Kerry Dill's presentation outlined the upcoming
	2	WASC visit of March 12-16, 2023. She gave a
		history of prior visits, the most recent being
		March 9, 2020. She discussed the typical data
		points shared with the WASC team as they
		prepare their visit: state testing scores,
		subgroups academic records, etcHer
		findings state that LJHS test scores have
		improved since 2020 while most other
		California schools have decreased.
		Additionally, she shared polls taken that
		indicate LJHS students feel safe on campus and
		believe the campus to be clear. However, most LJHS students don't feel as though they have
		an adult who they can confide in. Students,
		while positive in personal aspects such as
		growth mindset, feel very confident (90+%),
		though they are less confident about
		self-management overall (73%).
		Mr. Cavaiola reviewed in depth the LJHS School
	2. Mr. Joe Cavaiola	Site Safety Plan. Highlights included 1. the
		effectiveness of the new intercom system
		[white box in every room] and 2. a closed
		campus. He explained the organization of the
		plan, from teachers responsibilities to routes
		of egress, to community relocation centers in cases of emergency.
		cases of efficiacity.
		Kim Smith (parent) asked how the community
		and parents would know if some event "crisis"
		was in progress. Mr. Cavaiola and Dr.
		Podhorsky shared the District's automated
		system for relaying that information to
		parents, as well as links to (though not clearly

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		identified) social media apps that would disperse the information.
Principal's Report	Dr. Chuck Podhorsky - Principal - Informational	Dr. Podhorsky's report stated that LJHS students are not in decline academically. [Ds and Fs as indicators]. LJHS still graduates 98% of its seniors, much higher than the district average. Megan Cox asked about any lulls in student academic averages throughout a semester; Dr. Podhorsky acknowledged a lull, but also that LJHS teachers have been effective in helping students raise grades in time for progress reports. LJHS budget prep has been done, and the site is ready to commit its report to the district. LCFF funds will again be marked for a partial counselor's position and after school tutoring. Money is available for additional LJHS teachers in the tutoring program. Schools will be given a district supplied College tutor.
		Dr. Podhorsky shared a new English Dept. focus on addressing academic writing at each grade level, as a strategy for continuing to support LJHS students academic success.
Adjournment		Motion to adjourn was made by Megan Cox. Cathy Hutchins seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.