

Sequoia Middle School
School Site Council Agenda for Meeting on October 16th, 2024
7:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Cameo Carolan, Ali Mroue

Students: Parker Soury, Enzo Merziotis

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass, Lisa Barron

Principal: Absent

Assistant Principal: Kelly Welch

Dean: Martin Nichols

Counselor: Shannon Martens

Teachers: Jenna Burge, Karin Hochevar, Hilary Balam, Karla Stevenson, Susan Schulte

Representatives: Diana Brister, Christine Wells, Martina Ziengenfuss, Ed Schatzen

Sequoia Library 7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to order - Susan Schulte called the meeting to order at 7:31 am

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Parker Soury. Motion seconded by Ali Mroue. Motion passed. Motion approved.

4.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the Minutes from 9/20/24 was made by Karin Hochevar. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

5.0 Public Comments 7:33 am - None

6.0 Student Report 7:34 am - Parker Soury and Enzo Merziotis: Flyers for COTY days and ASB October Art Contest has been passed out. Club rush went well, ASB had a lot of sign ups for different clubs on campus. Today is National Unity Day and ASB planned a Bowling LTA for today as well as a wear orange COTY dress day for unity. Fall Carnival is this Friday, 10/18, from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. Veterans Day Assembly is November 8th.

6.1 Administrator/Counseling Report 7:37 am - Kelly Welch: Successful RAMs day last Friday. Students will earn Quarter 1 Rewards next Thursday.

Counseling: In November counselors will go into 7th grade classrooms for peer relationship lessons.

Martin Nichols: The district wide Great California Shakeout Earthquake Drill will be this Thursday (non-evacuation drill). Upcoming drill in November includes an unstructured lockdown drill.

6.2 SPSA updates (DiDomizio) - None

6.3 Safety Plan 7:50 am - Martin Nichols: Main components of the plan include school site information, procedures, emergency teams, staff buddies list, and various emergency disaster plans. [See safety plan here](#).

Motion to approve Comprehensive Safety Plan made by Cameo Carolan . Dianna Brister seconded. Motion approved.

7.0 Representative reports 8:20 am

7.1 DAC - Kinsie Flame/Ed Shatzen - District will pay for Spelling Bee this year. Student Advisory Council DAC suggestions for cell phone use: Elementary schools suggest no cell phones; Middle schools suggest designated areas for cell phone use; High schools suggest up to the teacher for cell phone use.

7.2 DELAC - (Vacant)

7.3 GATE DAC - Christine Wells - Next meeting is in November. Sequoia had its first GATE event two weeks ago and did an arts and crafts activity with yarn. Next GATE event is a trivial pursuit activity.

7.4 SEDAC - Martina Ziengenfuss - SEDAC meeting is typically held at the beginning of the year. Five takeaways from SEDAC will be shared with Mrs. Didomizio from now on rather than parents having the option to “opt in” on SEDAC information (See the five takeaways listed below). Update from SPED directors, a flier for the role of SEDAC representative was made and will be shared. Next meeting will be November 5th (in need of a secretary). Please share successes from Sequoia to be presented to the SEDAC community.

These are the 5 key takeaways from our last meeting on October 1:

1. We had a presentations on overview of [LCAP/SPSA's/Inclusion Plan for SWD](#) & [SEDAC 101, Communication](#)
2. Representatives and the board broke into groups to brainstorm for ideas for better communication to school sites from SEDAC reps. [Communication Ideas](#)
3. Reminder: Unity Day is coming up on October 16th and students are encouraged to dress in Orange in support.
4. We had [Updates from Special Education Directors. Dawn Thomas and Shanda Lee](#)
5. Our secretary created a [SEDAC Infographic](#) explaining the role of a SEDAC rep - might be useful to distribute
6. At our next meeting on Nov 5, there will be nominations and Voting for Secretary and Member-at-Large.

7.5 PTSA - Amy Zobel (absent)

7.6 LGBTQ+ - Dianna Brister - no updates.

7.7 AADAC – (Vacant)

7.8 Boys and Girls Club - Lisa Barron - Tutoring with ELOP is continuing and trying to help students improve their grades at school. Boys and Girls Club will be open on non-school days at the Los Cerritos location from 8 am - 5 pm. Pickle Ball tournament is Friday, October 25th. Boys and Girls Club received a grant for cooking at each site in CVUSD. October 29th is a Halloween Party for students.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - None

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - Club rush went well and students are excited to join clubs. Speech and Debate team has 25 students so far. The first debate competition will be November 9th.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns: New students to Sequoia were welcomed to a CREW activity through counseling department. Students are enjoying the after school theater class.

10.1 Administration closing comments - None

8:30 a.m. 11.0 Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 am

Next Meeting is