

Sequoia Middle School
School Site Council Agenda for Meeting on February 19th, 2025
7:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Cameo Carolan, Christine Dexter, Kinsie Flame, Martina Zeigenfuss, Amy Zobel,

Students: Nihit Sravastava

Classified or Community: Lisa Barron, Nena LeBass

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Other Members: Kelly Wech, Martin Nichols, Shannon Martens, Ed Schatzen, Jenna Burge, Karin Hochevar, Karla Stevenson, Susan Schulte

Sequoia Library 7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to order - Susan Schulte called the meeting to order at 7:30 am

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the Agenda was made. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

4.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the Minutes was made. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Removal of secretary's notes to herself from the minutes.

5.0 Public Comments - None

7:40 am

6.0 Student Report - Nihit Sravastava

Celebrating Black History Month, 300 students attended the Winter Dance. Sequoia Idol will take place on Friday, February 28th after school.

Student Concern - Paper towels in the bathrooms are not being restocked regularly in both boys and girls bathrooms.

DiDomizio - (in response to the paper towels concern) there are air hand dryers in the bathrooms. Paper towels have been removed from bathrooms due to some students stuffing paper towels down the toilet and clogging toilets.

6.1 Administrator/Counseling Report

6.2 SPSA updates (DiDomizio) - Writing Day for SPSA goals in May and looking at proposed budget for next year. *Light Out Committee* has been created due to power outages this year.

SPSA - Working with a team to see how many students will be reclassified. Waiting on ELPAC scores. Propose at the SPSA goals meeting in May that the focus is on Goal 5.

Welch - ELPAC testing is almost done. Interim assessments will be taking place for English and Math as a practice test for CAASPP. CAASPP testing will take place in May. March 18TH - 21st and the 25th - 28th are the days for 6th grade Outdoor School. The Museum of Tolerance field trip will be March 5th and 6th for 8th graders.

Nichols - Sequoia Idol is next Friday after school. SHINE will be present Thursday, 2/27. The Motivational Speaker assembly is taking place this Friday. Band Gala is taking place on March 7th.

Martens - Continue to meet with students who struggle academically and emotionally.

6.3 IB Update (Hochevar) - Preparing a student facing slide deck to help students understand what academic integrity looks like. Steering committee for IB continues to meet after school every other Wednesday.

7.0 Representative reports

7.1 DAC - Kinsie Flame - Discussed options in case of future power outages at last meeting. Discussed more of a partnership with the police department in case of future outage. Discussed possible backpack options in lieu of zip up binders for students at Sequoia. Last, discussed changing into PE clothes in the student locker room and monitoring cell phone use in the locker room.

7.2 DELAC - (vacant)

7.3 GATE DAC- Ed Shatzen - GATE testing in elementary is taking place.

The key takeaways from the Tuesday, February 11th, DAC Meeting are:

1. Three DAC members volunteered to be on the DAC Nominating Committee for the 2025-26 DAC Executive Board.
2. Dr. Victor Hayek, CVUSD Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, provided DAC members with updates regarding Tesla battery packs, backup generators, and plans moving forward.

3. School sites maintain layers of communication through multiple channels that include emergency radio, back up to phones/fire alarms, and district supported means of communication.
4. DAC members reviewed the draft PSPS Addenda to the school site safety plans, and recommendations were provided on when and how parents/guardians can expect to receive communication regarding the impacts of PSPS outages.
5. For DAC members, it was important to dispel the myth that during PSPS outages, schools remained open to generate revenue. This is not the case as school districts could simply choose to close schools and submit a J-13 form to the CDE to recoup lost revenue instead.

7.4 SEDAC - Martina Zeigenfuss - 5 key takeaways for SEDAC haven't been posted on the website yet. Inclusion Tosa presentation was great and included slides about what each school is doing for inclusion. Next meeting will include breakouts on committees focused on safety, communications, and diversity celebrations.

Here are the top 5 takeaways from SEDAC along with links:

- "Bullying prevention begins with empathy instruction" - "Social Exclusion is a common form of bullying" [Empowering Inclusion: Bullying Prevention Strategies for Supporting Students with Disabilities](#)
- We formed a Nominating committee for 2025-2026 Executive Board
- [Disability History Month slides](#)
- [Directors' Update](#), including ESY will be held on July 1, 2025 through July 29, 2025 with July 4th as a holiday.
- Directors' Updates highlight: [Supporting Inclusive Practices \(SIP\) grantee](#)

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel - Looking for new members for next year's executive board. Series of restaurant nights for upcoming months. Next Wednesday 2/26 is a restaurant night at Saffron.

7.6 LGBTQ+ - Dianna Brister - absent

7.7 AADAC – (vacant)

7.8 Boys and Girls Club - Lisa Barron - January 26th was Superstars of the Year where the Youth of the Month was selected. Alexandra Dexter from Sequoia won Youth of the Month and was awarded \$300. Congratulations Alexandra!

Brightworld 3D is coming up after Power Hour.

Students who have D's and F's are given print outs of their missing assignments and are being encouraged and provided help to complete assignments and stay up-to-date in their classes.

Summer sign-ups are available online.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - None

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns -

Nichols - Mrs. LeBass has her Black History Display in the library - thank you Mrs. LeBass! Please let us know if there are any updates/changes that need to be made in the student handbook for next year.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns:

Zobel - What's the best way to alleviate outgoing 8th graders stress about high school?

Martens - NPHS counseling website has a lot of helpful information regarding the transition from 8th grade to high school. If students ever have any questions, they can always ask for help from their middle school counselor.

Kinzie Flame - What does theater at Sequoia look like moving forward? The schedule for chorus and theater has been a little wonky and would like to know what the schedule will look like next year.

Welch - The master schedule is still being developed for next year is dependent on enrollment, staffing.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 am

Next Meeting is March 19th, 2025