

Sequoia Middle School
School Site Council Agenda for Meeting on September 20, 2023
7:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Cameo Carolan, Amy Zobel, Ali Mroue, Christina Dexter, Diana Brister

Students: Enzo Merziotis, Omkar Dokhale, and Nihit Srivastava

Classified or Community: Nena LeBass and Lisa Barron

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Other Members: Kelly Welch, Shannon Martens, Karin Hochevar, Jenna Burge, Hilary Balam, Karla Stevenson, Martin Nichols, and Ed Shatzen

Sequoia Library 7:30 a.m.

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

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Karin Hochevar. Motion seconded by Jenna Burge. Motion passed. Motion approved.

4.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the Minutes from Aug. 28, 2024 was made. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

5.0 Public Comments 7:40 a.m.-

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report - New member was introduced to SSC. Due to recent earthquake activity, administration walked the campus to review safety measures and emergency supplies.

The Rams program will get started this year in October at Sequoia that focuses on inclusion school wide at Sequoia. Will also be starting another program *No Place for Hate* that also will focus on inclusion school wide.

Shannon Martens - 6th grade will be receiving counseling lessons in September and 8th grade in October.

6.1 SPSA updates (DiDomizio) - Karin Hochevar - Teachers are working on creating IB Unit Plans and integrating IB lessons throughout the year. Sequoia has been assigned an IB consultant from another school to help teachers create IB unit plans.

6.3 Student Report 7:50 a.m. Enzo Merziotis - "ASB kicked off school-wide spirit events with a Blue and Gold COTY Spirit Day and a Lunch Time Activity. We had over 70 students participate!"

ASB helped with Back to School Night and sold spirit wear. We also held elections last week and have a new Board of Officers. WEB hosted an Ice Cream Social for 6th graders to welcome them to Sequoia on Friday.

Students are getting excited about our first dance this Friday. The End of Summer Bash is for all grades and runs from 3:15-5.00. Tickets for candy, pizza, drinks, and games are on sale all week before school and during lunch.

Sequoia kicked off its annual Step it Up Fundraiser, with all proceeds going directly back to students. Donations are being accepted until Friday Sept. 20.

Sequoia is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month starting Monday through October 15 and the Renaissance Reward BBQ for last year's 2nd-semester grades will be Tues. Sept. 24.”

7.0 Representative reports

7.2 DELAC - None. Need a representative.

7.3 GATE DAC- Upcoming potential cell phone policy changes will be discussed. GATE parent meeting this Thursday.

7.4 SEDAC - None. Need a representative.

7.5 PTSA - Next Thursday, 9/26, Urbane Cafe will host a fundraiser for Sequoia. Charleston Fundraiser will continue to October. PTA Reflections is starting up. The General Association meeting is October 10th.

7.6 LGBTQ+ - First meeting was last week. They are looking for more representatives across more school sites in CVUSD. Discussed priorities for the year. October is LGBTQ+ history month.

7.7 AADAC – None. Need a representative.

7.8 Boys and Girls Club - Safety committee visited Boys and Girls and Club this year and they passed. The Boys and Girls Club Gala was last Saturday and students enjoyed hosting the live auction. Made the most money raised from a Gala.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - None.

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - None.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns: Ed Shatzen - Need to create a fundraiser for the band at Sequoia.

Cameo Carolan - Back to School Night was great! Student helpers were wonderful.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

Karla DiDomizio - Prop 28 funding is focused on purchasing supplies for classes and students. There will be a drama program after school that students can join.

8:30 a.m. 11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am

Next Meeting is 10/16/24