

Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council

Agenda for Meeting on October 18, 2023

7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance:

Parents: Lisa Soury, Elly Ruelas

Students: Lyla Stewart, Preslei Ruelas,

Teachers: Amy Hamaker, Karin Hochevar, Karla Stevenson, Kim Skellinger, Susan Schulte

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Assistant Principal: Kelly Welch

Dean: Martin Nichols

Counselor: Shannon Martens

Other Members: Lisa Barron, Jenna Burge, Tami Taggart, Christine Wells, Dianna Brister, Kinsie Flame, Brenda Bartolone, Ed Shatzen

7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to order by Kim S. At 7:33 am

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Tami T. Second Kim S. Votes in Favor: 21 Against: 0

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Lisa B. Second: Elly R. Votes in Favor: 21 Against: 0

5.0 Public Comments:

-Tami T. - NPHS PTSA is holding a swap meet this Saturday at the high school. Items sold will raise money for PTSA. Mizel Farms is holding a festival this Saturday that supports and staffs the national honor society at NPHS.

7:40 a.m.

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report

-Principal DiDomizio made the announcement that her and two other teacher representatives attended an IB conference this last weekend. More information to come. Quarter 1 ends this Friday, 10/20, and Fall Carnival is this Friday, 10/20, from 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

2024 Sequoia Safety Plan - Martin Nichols

-Nichols presented updates/changes to Sequoia Safety Plan 2024

-Great CA ShakeOut Earthquake Drill is scheduled for Thursday, 10/19/23

-Motion: Karin H. Second: Dianna B. Favor: 21 Against: 0

6.1 SPSA updates (DiDomizio)

- None

6.3 Student Report

- Student Representatives: Lyla Stewart (8th Grade) and Preslei Ruelas (7th Grade)
- Fall Carnival is Friday 10/20

7:50 a.m.

7.0 Representative reports

7.1 DAC – Kinsie Flame and Ed Shatzen (**see DAC report below**) November 14th all District SSC's are invited to DAC meeting

7.2 DELAC - recruiting/none

7.3 GATE DAC- Christine Wells - Updates to CVUSD website so that parents can find DAC presentations and a variety of other resources. Updates to the GATE program are also on the website. Testing for the GATE program is coming up and the referral deadline is by November 1st. The next meeting is November 4th at the university center (there will be a presentation about service animals).

7.4 SEDAC -Brenda Bartolone - Mizel Family Pumpkin Patch Festival. Trying to increase the co-taught model classes throughout the district.

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel/ Tammi Taggart (Reflections) - MOD Pizza on October 25th fundraiser (all day). PTSA Reflections received 5 submissions. PTSA needs volunteers to represent and a volunteer to take over the PTSA Reflections Chair.

7.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Brister - CVUSD has recognized October as LGBTQ+ recognition month. Looking for people on the committee. Next meeting is on November 29th.

7.7 AADAC – Arisha Ali- Not present.

7.8 Boys and Girls Club -Lisa Barron - Boys and Girls Club will be open at lunch and at 12:15 pm this Friday (since school ends at 12:15 on 10/20). Open at Redwood Club on November 1st from 8-5 pm (closed at Sequoia Club). Open from Nov. 20th - 22nd at Redwood Club during Thanksgiving Break. October 27th is a haunted house at the Boys and Girls Club.

8:10a.m.

8.0 Student successes and concerns

-Upcoming LTAs for October are the Mummy Wrap and Halloween Costume Contest. Digi Pro had a successful first KSEQ video.

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - None

10.0 Parent successes and concerns

-Elly R. - Concern about vaping during school hours.

-DiDomizio - there are anonymous student reports that students can submit if vaping is observed.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

-Information from IB training will be given for November meeting

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment - 8:29 am

DAC Report:

- 1) CSF Grant applications due on Friday, 10/13. Up to \$300/teacher
- 2) How are we coming on finding an LGBTQ+ rep for the DAC?
- 3) Also for Steve Waldman: After a 3+ year COVID-hiatus, the New West Symphony is inviting students to join them for a 'community' show on March 6, 2024. Contact Sasha Alexander at the NWS website for details. This is a chance for student musicians to sit in with professional players. Students from all over the East County are expected to participate.
- 4) Local dealers are selling electric scooters that are NOT street legal. The VCSD and (proper name for the police-school liaisons) are working to get them off of campuses and the streets.
- 5) Also for Karla Stevenson: As part of next month's DAC report from SMS, it would be great to submit a report + photos of Unity Day (Oct 18)
- 6) Also for Marty Nichols: Of the \$50K raised by/for StepItUp, how much does SMS get to keep? Fun reaction: I passed on the results of our StepItUp fundraiser to the DAC. A direct quote from the Chair of the DAC upon hearing of our success: "Holy crap!"
- 7) Also for Susan Schulte and Kelly Welch: The DAC is inviting the President/Chair/Leader of all of the SSCs to the next DAC meeting, Tuesday, November 14. Topics to be covered focus on interactions between the SSCs and the DAC. I would observe that the SMS SSC very much has its act together--in large part to the work Kelly did last year updating the Bylaws--but most other schools are badly in the weeds. The DAC wants to show support for each and every school, in this case through their SSC.