

Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council
Agenda for Meeting on November 15, 2023
7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance:

Parents: Cameo Carolan, Kinzie Flame, Dianna Brister

Students: Presley R.

Teachers: Amy Hamaker, Karin Hochevar, Karla Stevenson

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Assistant Principal: Kelly Welch

Dean: Absent

Counselor: Shannon Martens

Other Members: Arisha Ali, Lisa Barron, Jenna Burge, Ed Shatzen, Christine Wells, Amy Zobel

7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to order 7:31 am by Karin Hochevar

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of Agenda 1st: Cameo Carolan 2nd: Arisha Ali

4.0 Approval of Minutes 1st: Student Representative Preslei R. 2nd: Jenna Burge

5.0 Public Comments None

7:40 a.m.

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report

Kelly Welch - Quarter 1 ended 10/20. Grades were analyzed the following week to see where more intervention and support is needed for students with low grades. Math and English intervention is happening during CREW and homework help is available in the teacher's classrooms during lunch. Schoolwide, 76% of students are passing math with a C or better and 83% of students are passing English with a C or better. Today is a Renaissance Reward after school for students who earned Renaissance for Quarter 1.

Karla DiDomizio - Semester 1 ends before winter break. Final grades to be posted after winter break. Updates to come on grading for mastery from the English department. ESSR funds include Achieve 3,000, IXL for English and Math, interventions during lunch,

technology updates, field trips, and campus supervisors. Future Bears Night is 11/30 in the auditorium.

IB updates and *projected timeline* for the next 3 years. IB training for teachers throughout the 23/24 school year, Unit Planners (teacher planners for content standards) 24/25, and IB sitewide implementation 25/26 (changes to how Discover looks will take place this school year). Projected IB authorization by Spring 25/26 school year. School Choice/Discover will stay in place until IB authorization takes place 25/26.

Grading for Mastery teacher update by **Karin Hochevar**. All grades are posted on Q. Q is the accurate reflection of how your student is doing in class. Idea is to grade students on what they know and not what they do. Students are allowed to request to reassess for all graded assignments to show mastery.

6.1 Student Report - Reminder that when there is a disruption or inappropriate behavior on campus, students need to make a report to campus supervisors, administrators, or using the anonymous student report link.

7:50 a.m.

7.0 Representative reports

7.1 DAC – Ed Shatzen. See report below.

7.2 DELAC - None

7.3 GATE DAC- Christine Wells - Presentation on mastery for grading is on the GATE DAC website. Meetings are open to the public.

7.4 SEDAC - None

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel - Sharky's fundraiser is today. It goes from 11 am - 8 pm today. See's Candy fundraiser is currently open. Reflections students have moved on the next level.

7.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Brister - Representatives from LGBTQ+ can disseminate information to parents.

7.7 AADAC – Arisha Ali - More information to come for Black History month, community outreach, and scholarship information.

7.8 Boys and Girls Club -Lisa Barron - Teacher led tutoring after school is going well. Students are able to get homework help after school. Closed for the November and December breaks at Sequoia. Redwood Boys and Girls Club will be open from Nov. 20th - 22nd.

8:10 a.m.

8.0 Student successes and concerns

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns

- **Shannon Martens** - Peer tutoring has started. Benefits both student tutors and those being tutored.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns

- State of Schools meetings are in the evenings so teachers can attend. Inclusive schools week starts 12/4.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

No meeting in December. Next meeting is January 17, 2024.

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment 8:30 am

DAC Report:

11/15/23 Report to the SMS SSC from the DAC meeting of 11/14/23

A. DEI: there are 8 DEI goals for the District this year.

(See attached report for the graphic)

B. LCAP: each month the DAC will solicit input as to potential changes to the LCAP goals.

LCAP Goal #1: Implement targeted actions and services that support positive student outcomes. (Student focused).

LCAP Goal #2: Ensure highly qualified and effective staff are provided with targeted professional development, and have an understanding that all job responsibilities are structured to support positive student outcomes. (Internal focused)

LCAP Goal #3: Provide communication and targeted outreach that informs the community of programs & opportunities that support positive student outcomes. (Community focused)

LCAP Goal #4: Enhance the social, emotional and physical well-being for all students through targeted actions that support positive student outcomes. (Student and school focused)

Should we keep LCAP Goals #1-#4 as written? Yes or No Any thoughts on changes, additions, deletions, etc, please send to Ed or Kinsie.

C. SSC "SuperDAC" meeting

1. Mr. Loo's office and the DAC put together a new SSC handbook for '23-'24. Do we have it?
2. There was a presentation by an elementary, a middle, and a high school as to how they run their SSC, followed by group-by-level break out groups.
3. One interesting reveal was that one middle school has TWO student representatives for each grade level. They are not voting members so that the number of teachers did not have to increase to compensate. The idea is to foster lots of exchange between the students and the faculty/staff. Very kid-focused. (Ed comment: at least for the group of kids that are active in Student Gov't)
4. The majority of middle and high schools have a parent as the chair.

*****Below is my report to the DAC*****

11/14/23 Report from Sequoia Middle School to the DAC

Activities: 10/18 was Unity Day. SMS went orange!; 10/20 after-school Fall Carnival "Bouncing on the Quad!"; Week of 10/23 was Red Ribbon week; 11/30 Future Bears Night; Week of 12/4 Inclusion Week

Music: 10/23 Strings concert; 11/9 Veteran's Day Band Concerts; 12/7 Winter Choir concert, 6 pm—all are invited; 12/14 Winter Band Concert, 6 pm—all are invited; 12/19 Winter Strings Concert, 6 pm—all are invited!!

Academia: 10/20 end of Q1, grades went home and students started studying harder; 11/1 Professional Learning and Leave the Sugared Kiddoes at Home Day; 12/22 End of Fall Semester

Other: 11/9 School Tours began; 11/20-24 Fall Break; 12/22àJanuary Winter Break