

Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council
Agenda for Meeting on February 21, 2024
7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance:

Parents: Dianna Terry, Cameo Carolan, Kinzie Flame, Elly Ruelas

Students: Presley R.

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

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass, Jaime Taylor

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Assistant Principal: Kelly Welch

Dean: Martin Nichols

Counselor: Shannon Martens

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

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 Kim Skellinger. Motion seconded by Kinsie Flame. Motion passed.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Dianna Brister **Second:** Kim Skellinger

Votes in Favor: 23 **Votes Against:** 0

5.0 Public Comments

Kinsie Flame - There should be a change/amendment to a dress code policy for appropriate attire for school and school events.

Carrie Howard - Better communication/partnership between teachers and parents. Suggestion for emails to be answered timely and concisely.

7:40 a.m.

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report -

6.1 SPSA Updates, SRO Updates (DiDomizio)

Karla DiDomizio - SPSA writing meeting coming up. ESSR funds (Covid relief funds) expire at the end of March. ESSR funds are used for online platforms, ELLs, special education programs, etc. Sequoia has 5 SPSA goals:

Goal 1) Meeting the needs of all students

Goal 2) Focusing on students with disabilities.

Goal 3) SEL programs, Inclusion, and school activities

Goal 4) ELD programs

Goal 5) Focus on learning loss. What's working and what's not working? Intervention classes.

March 6th is the Sequoia Showcase for parents (in the evening); March 7th is the student-attended Sequoia Showcase. Incoming 6th graders from elementary schools in Newbury Park will attend the showcase on the 7th.

Prop 28 (visual performing arts program funds) was approved.

Sequoia continues to have the best monthly attendance among other Conejo middle schools.

More teachers continue to attend IB training conferences in the spring to prepare for the transition to Middle Years Program.

Kelly Welch

- 22-23 CAASPP results:

61% for both 6th and 7th graders met standards

59% for 8th graders met standards

-Semester 1 Grades:

C- or higher percentages are significantly higher across 6th, 7th, and 8th grade levels in comparison to previous years.

Students who received D's or F's met with counselors and discussed intervention services to help improve their grades.

This week will recognize Renaissance winners for Semester 1. There will be a bbq on 2/22 during lunch to award Renaissance winners.

Martin Nichols

"Excused" absences include illness, doctor's notes, and bereavement.

Emergency Drills were practiced in January. Students and staff followed the procedure for Earthquake Emergency during the earthquake that took place in February.

Motivational Speaker Assembly today (2/21)

Intramural Sports continue.

6.3 Student Report - No concerns at this time.

7:50 a.m.

7.0 Representative reports

7.1 DAC – Kinsie Flame and Ed Schatzen

- Measure I and Health and Wellness updates. SEL programs are going well.
- State of the Schools is on April 11th and teachers can attend. There is an instrument drive where instruments (new/used) can be donated.
- Crossing guards will continue at Sequoia; Some elementary schools in Conejo may lose their crossing guards.
- Is there a way to enforce food separation from plastics?
- Annual Feedback Survey is out
- Super DAC Meeting on March 12th at 10:00 am and student representatives are requested to attend

7.2 DELAC - Absent/None

7.3 GATE DAC- Christine Wells

- CA Dashboard provided information on respective schools
- SPSA information
- Information on programs at the TO Library can be found on the library's website
- Ventura Science Fair needs judges
- District GATE events are coming up for Spring
- GATE elections are also coming up

7.4 SEDAC -Brenda Bartolone - Absent/None

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel/ Tammi Taggart (Reflections)

- Main positions for PTSA will be vacated and president, secretary, and treasurer positions are needed
- Reflections Chair is open
- Communications/Hospitality/Fundraising chairs needed

7.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Brister

- "We" Tip Line can be used 24/7 to report any harmful behavior
- Brainstorming ways to recognize and celebrate PRIDE month; How do students at Sequoia want to be represented
- Next meeting is next week.

7.7 AADAC – Arisha Ali

- Student representatives from TO and Westlake High school spoke about challenges and achievements
- Awards based on GPAs, sports, and arts
- For Black History Month, there is a celebration this Friday across three campuses in Conejo

7.8 Boys and Girls Club -Lisa Barron

- Superstars of the Year is complete. A student from Sequoia Middle school won and was awarded \$300 as well as getting an opportunity to speak at an upcoming gala.
- Celebration of the Arts is underway
- Sign-ups for Summer Camp are open. Summer Camp starts June 16th.

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8.0 Student successes and concerns - None at this time.

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns -

- Karin Hochevar: We are going to the Museum of Tolerance on Monday
- WEB delivered Candy Grams on Valentine's Day

10.0 Parent successes and concerns

- Arisha Ali - Concern about when 8th graders will start making preparations for high school
 - Kelly Welch - There are upcoming days where school counselors will meet with all 8th graders and then select courses for high school
- Cameo Carolyn - Bathroom availability for students. Can the high school provide a Dance video to show at Sequoia for incoming 9th graders
- Elly - Concern about traffic for drop off and pick up at Sequoia. There are a lot of students on foot and drivers crossing and it can be hard to safely navigate. Another concern about the communication public comment (sometimes communication back to parents can take a long time). Some parents park in the Disability Parking Spot without a disability pass. This Sunday the Youth Football Steelers is holding a free football clinic from 1-4 pm.
 - Kinsie Flame - suggested to take any crossing guard issues to city council meetings
- Kinsie Flame - concern about how students can communicate with teachers. Which email is the best to use?
 - Karla Stevenson - Students are shown how to send emails to teachers at the beginning of the year. We could do another CREW lesson to remind them how to send and where to send emails

10.1 Administration closing comments. - None

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment 8:41 am

Next SSC Meeting is Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:30 am