

Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council
Agenda for Meeting on January 16, 2024
7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance:

Parents: Dianna Terry, Cameo Carolan

Students: None.

Teachers: Karin Hochevar, Karla Stevenson

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass

Principal: Absent.

Assistant Principal: Kelly Welch

Dean: Martin Nichols

Counselor: Shannon Martens

Other Members: Jenna Burge, Ed Shatzen, Amy Zobel, Kim Skellinger, Susan Schulte

7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to order at 7:36 am by Susan Schulte

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance - 7:36 am

3.0 Approval of Agenda- Correction for today's meeting date (originally planned for January 17th, 2024)

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Klm S. Second: Amy Zobel

Votes in Favor: 9 Votes Against: 0

5.0 Public Comments None

7:40 a.m.

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report

Kelly Welch - First Semester grades were submitted Friday, January 12th. She is doing data analysis on grades. Only three 8th graders have an F in English and twenty-three 8th graders have an F in math. This is lower in both courses than previous years. Both Mrs. Welch and Mr. Nichols will meet with students struggling and discuss ways to improve their grades.

Tomorrow at lunch, all students at Sequoia will get a BBQ lunch for earning the best attendance across all middle schools. 600 students had no unexcused tardies for Semester 1.

Martin Nichols - Next faculty meeting will go over the emergency plan more in depth and review what each safety team is responsible for.

Semester 2 started our boys and girls winter sports teams. Tryouts for girls and boys basketball teams took place last week. Volleyball and soccer teams have new coaches.

Lunch time homework help will continue for Semester 2. Peer tutoring will also continue. Students with D's and F's will be encouraged to attend lunch time homework help or peer tutoring.

Rules Review Assembly for all grade levels took place on Friday, January 12th.

6.1 Student Report - None.

7:50 a.m.

7.0 Representative reports

7.1 DAC – Ed Shatzen (**See full DAC report below**)

Acacia Elementary did part of their yearbook in Spanish. Sales went up for their Yearbook.

Sequoia Middle School crossing guards are here to stay.

7.2 DELAC - None.

7.3 GATE DAC - None.

7.4 SEDAC - None.

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel (Reflections) - Teachers are funded \$100 for the year. Karla S. is gifting her PTA fund to Shannon Martens. Teachers must share purchase with Jaime Taylor prior to ordering teaching supplies.

7.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Terry - At least one all gender restroom for voluntary use at each school. Conversation about ways to recognize LGBTQ+ during Pride month as well as outside of just Pride month. There are two subcommittees, one for elementary and one for secondary. Next meeting is January 24th for the subcommittees.

7.7 AADAC - None

7.8 Boys and Girls Club -Lisa Barron - After school tutoring is going well (Monday through Thursday tutoring sessions after school). Both Mrs. Abbitt and Mrs. Fausset are helping with after school tutoring. Enrichment has also started.

“Youth of the Year” is underway - students from Conejo and Las Virgenes Boys and Girls Clubs compete for “Youth of the Year.”

8:10 a.m.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - None.

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - January 26th is the next scheduled GATE event. Semester 1 is done! Eighth graders will be participating in a field trip at the Museum of Tolerance in Semester 2. Mrs. Hochevar was able to secure a grant that allows 200 students free admission to the Museum of Tolerance.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns -

Cameo Carolan asked when 8th graders will be starting to register for high school. Mrs. Martens responded that 8th graders will meet with their middle school counselors in March to discuss and plan for high school courses.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

Next meeting is February 21st, 2024.

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment - 8:07am

DAC Report:

1/16/24 Report to the SMS SSC from the DAC meeting of 1/9/24

- A. ~~LCAP: each month the DAC will solicit input as to potential changes to the LCAP goals.~~
Canceled!

 - B. CSF talked about 4 upcoming activities: (all of which are on their new website)
 - 1. All-District Music Festivals this fall. Band is 5/20-22
 - 2. State of the Schools, late afternoon, 4/11/24
 - 3. Get-Ahead summer programs for rising 8th graders. Flyers are available.
Counselors?
 - 4. There will be a musical instrument fundraiser (elementary focused)
 - C. 1/10 Lunar New Year; 1/27 Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - D. A note on the MLK Holiday, "A day off from school, but a day 'on' for service!"
 - E. A Yearbook note: Acacia Elem. has part of their book in Spanish. Sales were up; inclusion was touted.
 - F. Walk & Roll to School: there was a presentation by the City of TO re crossing guards and student safety, followed by extensive, lively discussion.
- Two takeaways:
- 1. Sequoia will not be losing its crossing guard, probably ever

2. Any issues Sequoia parents, faculty, or staff have with drivers and how they enter/exit the school or behave on campus is entirely up to the Principal and SMS. It is categorically NOT part of the crossing guards nor the city's "problem."

From the discussion, the SMS DAC rep has some suggestions that can be tried if we wish. (This would be a fantastic project for the ASB.)

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

1/9/24 Report from Sequoia Middle School to the DAC

None