

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

Attendance:

Parents: Cameo Carolan, Elly Ruelas, Lisa Soury, Lisa R.

Students: none

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

Classified or Community: Nena LaBass

Principal: Karla DiDomizio

Other Members: Arisha Ali, Lisa Barron, Jenna Burge, Kelly Welch

Sequoia Library 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. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Motion approved. In favor 14, against 0

4.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve the Minutes from Aug. 30, 2023 was made. Motion seconded. Motion passed. In favor 14, against 0

5.0 Public Comments 7:40 a.m.-None

6.0 Administrator/Counseling Report

Renaissance BBQ coming up Friday, 9/22/23

ASB Dance is Friday 9/22/23

SSC student representative - no student ran for office; currently no student elected.

Counseling is finishing up 6th grade presentations; focus is on time management and organization.

6.1 SPSA updates (DiDomizio)

None at this time.

6.3 Student Report 7:50 a.m.

None. Looking for a student representative.

7.0 Representative reports

DAC - (Ed Shatzen)-LCAP will be made easier to read and understand. October is national bullying and prevention month. Encourage students to walk to school on walk to school day.

7.2 DELAC - no representative

7.3 GATE DAC- Christine Wells (absent)

7.4 SEDAC -Brenda Bartolone - have not had their first meeting yet. More information to come.

7.5 PTSA- Amy Zobel/ Tammi Taggart (Reflections) - Amy and Tammi absent. Reflections program is still going; Students can submit Reflections 10/4/23. Focus is bringing up membership for PTSA and promoting PTSA at back to school night next year. Wrapping paper fundraiser will begin after Step It Up Fundraiser ends.

7.6 LGBTQ+ - No Report- (looking for a parent representative)

7.7 AADAC – Arisha Ali - First meeting will be 10/11. Have not met yet.

7.8 Boys and Girls Club -Lisa Barron 8:10a.m. - Enrichment started this week. Gala/live auction was a couple weeks ago for Stand Up for Kids. Learning center is where homework help takes place.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - no student representative

9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - Hamaker - enjoyed back to school night in person.

10.0 Parent successes and concerns:

Elly Ruelas:

-success - back to school night was great

-concern - Sequoia reputation and parent interactions outside of the Sequoia community. Feels like parent concerns about vaping, bullying, and "fear of middle school." Concern about providing an opportunity to educate Latino community regarding school expectations and student motivation. Concerned about how school doors lock. DiDomizio - yes, school doors have lock blocks and windows have blinds or pull down shades.

Lisa Soury:

-Suggestion - "Week of Welcome" could include students and parents to alleviate parent concerns prior to starting middle school at the beginning of the year.

-Concern - Some bathrooms were closed and concerned that students were unable to use some restroom facilities. DiDomizio - some bathrooms were closed due to damage from the hurricane and were being fixed at that time.

Kelly Welch: We have had Spanish speaking parents visit with Latino community to discuss student success and school expectations.

Susan Schulte: Parent School Facebook page that gives helpful information and tips for the first day of school and first week of school. Provides a positive way for parents to help get their students prepared for school and alleviate concerns/fears of starting middle school.

10.1 Administration closing comments.

8:30 a.m. 11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 am

Next Meeting is October 18th, 2023