

Sequoyah HS School Council Meeting

Date: 2/9/2024

Time (called to order): 7:35am

Location: SHS Student Center

Meeting called by: Bob Van Alstyne, Principal (BVA)

Attendees: Stephanie Judkins (SJ), Paige Sims (PS), Chanda Schwab (CS), Rachel LaChine (RL), Inga Clark (IC)

Other attendees/observers: none

Absent council members: Cora Hodgins (CH), Kevin Maher (KM)

Presentation(s): None

Report from the Principal: (BVA presents)

- Transition Plan for New Superintendent
 - Next CCSD Board meeting 2/15 to approve Dr. Davis as new superintendent (sitting superintendent in Henry Co.)
 - March 1 - Dr. Davis's first day as CCSD superintendent
- Band Director Search
 - Casey Eubanks, current SHS Band Director, retiring in May
 - Mr. Eubanks is only the second band director in SHS history (David Harrison was first)
 - Looking for an experienced band director to continue SHS tradition
 - Once candidates are narrowed down, band parents will be invited to meet with them, candidates will also be asked to guest conduct
 - BVA hopes to have final candidate named by next school council meeting
- Custodial Transition
 - CCSD moving away from privatized custodial services
 - Transition to CCSD crew on May 1
 - SHS will get 9 custodians (1 Head Custodian) - number based on square footage of school
 - Head Custodian will be eligible for TRS
 - Pay is very competitive; experience will also be included (up to 10 years on new pay scale)
 - Starting pay for first year/first time custodian: \$16.40/hour
 - After first 2 months, BVA and Head Custodian will choose Lead Custodian (2nd in charge)
 - SHS has flexibility to hire both full and part time custodians, where/how classrooms and other areas will be cleaned during the day vs. at night
 - SHS is asking community to spread the word for custodian applicants - can apply specifically for SHS
- Parent Survey
 - SHS needs 15 parents, 75% of teachers, 75% of students to take survey
 - Data is used by the state to give schools climate ratings (based on student attendance, parent survey, staff survey, discipline data)
 - Link to survey will be included in SHS weekly newsletter (window to take survey closes March 1)

Old Business:

- ARP allotment cuts - 4 teachers may be lost from staff - still unsure if that will happen at SHS; next week schools should be given initial teacher allotments
- Update on SHS annex - BVA to meet with Facilities, architecture firm, and other CCSD departments to tour SHS and look closely at the school's needs

New Business: None

Next meeting date: March 8, 2024, SHS Student Center

Adjournment: 8:35am