

## Sequoyah HS School Council Meeting

Date: 9/11/2024

Time (called to order): 7:37am

Location: SHS Student Center

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

Attendees: Stephanie Judkins (SJ), Brandon Grummer (BG), Paige Sims (PS), Chanda Schwab (CS), Tim Chapman (TC)

Other attendees/observers: None

Absent committee members: Kevin Maher (KM)

Approval of Agenda: 6-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes: N/A (to be done electronically in order to follow CCSD request for meeting minutes to be posted to SHS website earlier than the date of the following council meeting)

Presentation(s):

- Introductions of present council members
- School Councils: Organizations and Procedures CCSD presentation (BVA presents)
  - SHS holds 6 School Council meetings each school year (only 4 are required)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (September, October, November, February, March, April), 7:30am
  - Open to the public (with notification to BVA); advertised on SHS website; “open” means attendance, not participation (per CCSD)
- Council Position Elections
  - Council Chairperson: Tim Chapman (unanimous)
  - Council Vice-Chair: Paige Sims (unanimous)
  - Council Secretary: Stephanie Judkins (unanimous)
- Qualities of a Principal – homework for council members
  - CCSD requirement; council members supply ideas to Council Chairperson, who compiles leadership qualities of a principal; this list is used as a guideline in the event of the need to choose a new principal (to determine if a candidate aligns with the Council’s and community’s preferences for a principal)
  - Due October 7 to SJ for compilation
  - Once approved, will be shared with CCSD/Superintendent’s Office and posted online

Report from the Principal: (BVA presents)

- SHS off to a great start; first week of school admin met with all classes and current 10, 11, 12 students who are involved in any extracurricular activity – encouraged to support each other (not just at “big” events); this is already having a positive effect on school culture and climate
- Consistent encouragement of students to be involved; Club Fair was at the end of August
- School safety:
  - SHS has 2 campuses, about 200 yards apart; due to the departments/classes at each building, every student in the school must travel between the two buildings
  - One resource officer stationed at East and one at Main
  - Every interior door on campus is closed and locked
  - Exterior doors for student entry between East and Main are consistently monitored
  - When students leave class (restroom, etc), classroom door continues to be closed and locked; when student returns, the only person who opens the door is the teacher
  - Admin has recommended that first and last 10 minutes of each class students should not be in the hallways (allows for easier survey of who may be in an area they should not)
  - Social media posts about planned student walkout on September 13 (not just at SHS); contact made with students who have expressed support of the idea to explain that people without official business at SHS cannot be on campus and would create a larger safety issue; more officers will be on campus 9/13; students are encouraged to find other pathways to express themselves

- TC asks BVA's reaction to students who may be kept home on days like 9/13 (in anticipation of problems at school): parents always have the discretion to keep their students home; new CCSD late work policy must be followed in any absence situations (unexcused vs excused absences – in order for an absence to be excused, parent must send a note)

Old Business: TC leads discussion of removal of member Kevin Maher (KM); has not attended since October 2023 meeting (documented evidence of attempts at communication with KM but with no response); recommendation of new vote to the community (would be a one-year role); communication of removal will come from TC (not BVA); motion to remove KM from council and initiate a new vote unanimously approved once due diligence is completed

New Business: Preview of SIP goal; introduction of administrators new to SHS; PSAT/SAT plans

Next meeting date: October 9, 2024

Adjournment: 8:44am