

Sequoyah HS School Council Meeting

Date: 4/9/2025

Time (called to order): 7:38am

Location: SHS Student Center

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

Attendees: Stephanie Judkins (SJ), Brandon Grummer (BG), Paige Sims (PS), Tim Chapman (TC), Daniel Morales (DM)

Other attendees/observers: None

Absent committee members: Chanda Schwab (CS)

Approval of Agenda: 6-0 (unanimous)

Approval of Minutes: 6-0 (unanimous)

Presentation(s):

- CCSD Key Priorities – 2025/26
 - Academics & Achievement
 - New ELA standards (current year teachers having PD now and end of year)
 - New instructional materials for ELA and Math
 - Expand reading screener to grades 9-10 (ELA milestone test shifting from 11th to 10th grade)
 - New reading intervention program
 - Improve student-to-teacher ratios in grades 4 and 5 (5th grade is most-tested grade in the district)
 - Superintendent Teacher Advisory Council (currently there is a committee of TOYS; this is separate – almost like a district-wide school council)
 - Effective School Board & Superintendent
 - Monitoring ELA, Reading, Math goals
 - Data for new late work policy, grading, promotion and retention will be considered
 - Develop local accountability model (new county office position for academic accountability)
 - Coordination of Goals, Systems, & Processes
 - New principal evaluation guidelines
 - SIP timeline updated
 - Looking for new ways to monitor student progress/data
 - Improvement for effective use of Synergy
 - Adjust sub budget oversight
 - Recruitment & retention in HR
 - High Quality School Environment
 - Clarify code of conduct (currently more geared toward middle/high school; may need clarification for elementary students)
 - Improve behavior intervention and supports in elementary
 - School police to be equipped with body cameras
 - School security cameras to be integrated with Sherriff's Office
 - Audit school furniture and equipment
 - Complete, continue, and start construction projects and maintenance projects (SHS to be painted, roof replacement, all lights changed to LED)
 - Investments in SY 2025-26
 - Putting resources as close to classroom/students as possible (no fees at SHS for instructional-based items)
 - Teachers & staff who are providing instruction/services directly to students (proposed 3% raise for building-level staff – certified and classified)
 - Resources for school safety

- Targeted plans for future

Report from the Principal: (BVA presents)

- Spring Exam Schedule 2025
 - Senior Exams May 9-14
 - Underclass Exams May 20-23

Old Business: None

New Business: Consider aligning school-based council meetings with Superintendent Advisory Council in order to facilitate information sharing and feedback (include SAC member in school-based council meetings)

Next meeting date: Fall 2025, TBD

Adjournment: 8:28am