Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council

Agenda for Meeting on August 26, 2026

7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance

Parents: Patty Rodriquez and Lesley Nedwick
Students: Sydney Smith, Delaney Wolcott
Teachers: Karla Stevenson, Susan Schulte, Hilary Balam, Amanda Haver, Jenna Burge
IB Coordinator: Karin Hochevar
Classified or Community: Nena LeBass
Administration/Counseling: Karla DiDomizio, Kelly Welch, Shannon Martens
Other Members: Dianna Terry, Sara Roses, Prerona Sharma

7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to Order at 7:31 am
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
3.0 Approval of Chair (Susan Schulte) approved
4.0 Approval of Secretary (Jenna Burge) approved
5.0 Approval of Agenda for 8/26/26 - Motion passed
6.0 Public Comments - None

7:40 a.m.

7.0 Student Report - Sydney S. and Delaney W.:
"It has been a great (and HOT) start to the school year. There are new students and new staff to get to know. ASB and WEB were on campus the week before school started to help students, staff, and teachers be ready for success.

WEB hosted WEB Camp for sixth graders, which included games, tours, and helping the newest bears feel comfortable on campus.

ASB had their own orientation where we made posters, got to know each other, and we got our new t-shirts. ASB helped with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Orientations, unlocked lockers, gave tours, and worked in teachers' classrooms.

The first day of school was exciting-ASB played music on the quad, and Timber made an appearance. WEB students helped any student find lockers, classrooms, or anything else they needed.

ASB is hosting the first all-school event on Friday, September 11. The End of Summer Bash is after school, and we will host games, a live DJ, and sell food, candy, and drinks. We also have our fundraising assembly on September 9th, and we hope to get a lot of donations for more school-wide events this year. Finally, we will have our first Lunch Time Activity next week, where students can participate in a fun game to earn Class of the Year Points for their class. ASB will hold the election for the student body government leaders soon.

We are excited for another awesome year! Thank you!”

7.1 Administrator/Counseling Report - Martens - Helping students get into classes for the first few days of school. In need of binder donations for students who are in need. Counseling will start “Time Management” lessons for 6th graders soon.

7.2 SPSA Review and Approval (DiDomizio):

Goal #1 – ELA and Math - Focus on student growth and achievement in ELA and Math. Sequoia saw improvement in CAASPP results during the 2025–2026 school year compared to the previous year.

Goal #2 – Students with Disabilities - Focus on co-taught and inclusion classrooms, as well as students participating in specialized programs. Emphasis is placed on the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), which supports students with IEPs being included in general education classes for 80% or more of their school day.

Goal #3 – Social-Emotional Learning and Student Inclusion - Focus on inclusion at Sequoia and how connected students feel to their school, including student feedback about their experiences on campus. Sequoia tracks student involvement in after-school programs, campus events, digital production, lunchtime activities (LTAs), and enrichment activities for GATE students.

Goal #4 – ELD - Focus on reclassifying Multilingual Learners through participation in SBAC interim assessments, increasing paraprofessional support in classrooms, communicating with parents/guardians in languages they understand, and hosting a lunch bunch group that provides math and homework support.

Goal #5 – IB - Continue the work following IB authorization. Karin Hochevar, the IB Coordinator, continues to meet with IB coordinators at NPHS's MYP program. The MYP program is designed for all students, and General Education teachers collaborate with Special Education teachers to ensure that all students are successful.

Motion made to approve 2026 - 2027 SPSA report. Motion approved.

7.3 IB Update (Hochevar):
Sequoia is now authorized as an IB School. Yay! :)
Continuing to communicate with our community and families attending an IB authorized school.

7:50 a.m.

8.0 Representative reports
8.1 DAC – vacant

8.2 DELAC - Lucelly Duarte - absent
8.3 GATE DAC- Sarah Rosas - Have not had a meeting yet.
8.4 SEDAC - Prerona Sharma - Have not had a meeting yet.
8.5 PTSA- vacant - Working on corporate donations to Sequoia
8.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Brister - Have not had a meeting yet.
8.7 AADAC – vacant
8.8 Boys and Girls Club - Andres Lopez - absent

8:10 a.m.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - None
9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns:
Hochevar - We started a teacher lunch on Fridays where we sit in the quad and eat with the students.
Stevenson - Can we get another hydration station on campus?
10.0 Parent successes and concerns - Can we get more basketballs on campus for students? Can we have friendly food options for student prizes other than hard candy or gummy candies?
10.1 Administration closing comments.
None

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment at 8:20 am