Sequoia Middle School - School Site Council

Agenda for Meeting on October 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. Sequoia Library

Attendance

Parents: Claudia Scott, Patty Rodriguez
Students: Lola K., Sydney S.
Teachers: Susan Schulte, Karla Stevenson, Amanda Haver, Jenna Burge
IB Coordinator: Karin Hochevar
Classified or Community: Nena LeBass, Andres Lopez
Administration/Counseling: Karla DiDomizio, Kelly Welch, Shannon Martens
DAC Representatives: Diane Brister, Sarah Rosas

7:30 a.m.

1.0 Call to Order at 7:30 am
2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
3.0 Approval of Agenda — Motion approved. Agenda passes.
4.0 Approval of Minutes for — Motion approved. Minutes passes.
5.0 Public Comments - None

7:40 a.m.

6.0 Student Report - Sydney S. and Lola K.
September 15 - October 15th Sequoia celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and during announcements we spoke about notable figures in the Hispanic community. Early in October ASB hosted a "Spooky Says" LTA.

We just hosted our Fall Carnival last Friday from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. It was a great turn out despite the hot wind. We had almost 300 students attend! Students enjoyed pizza, popcorn, snacks, carnival games hosted by Sequoia teachers, inflatable obstacle courses and games, and Mr. Chris's Italian Ice. Upcoming COTY dress days include "Unity Day" today (where students wear orange to promote inclusivity on campus) and a Pink COTY dress day on Friday as well for Breast Cancer Awareness.

ASB is hosting a Halloween costume contest on Friday, October 30th. The categories are spookiest, most original, best group/partner, and funniest. We will be having teacher judges and the best costumes in each category will win a prize.

6.1 Administrator/Counseling Report

The district brought in a generator Friday morning due to a power outage on campus. Teachers planned lessons accordingly with the heat and wind in mind. Specialized classes had extra generators so that classrooms could accommodate medical needs of students.

Fall Carnival took place on Friday despite the wind and heat. Carnival games were moved inside the auditorium as well as food, snacks and drinks. Inflatables used on the quad did not have enclosed roofs to ensure that inflatables were safe to use in the wind for students.

Tesla is coming out to service the Tesla generator.

Quarter 1 ended Friday, 10/16/26. Grades will go out this Friday, 10/24/26.

Sequoia participated in the California Great Shake Out last year.

Kelly Meador will be retiring this year and interviews are taking place for a counselor to take her position.

Counselor Report - Peer tutoring will begin next week with WEB students during CREW. Working with students as Quarter 1 grades come out to improve grades.

6.2 SPSA updates (DiDomizio)

Due to a vacancy for a Campus Supervisor, DiDomizio is proposing to use $5,000 from the encumbered campus supervisor towards another security camera on campus. Proposed to place a camera over the C Building water fountain and either over the C Building lockers or near E4.

6.3 IB Update (Hochevar)

After being authorized in June as an IB school, it is recommended by the IB coordinators that MYP programs from Sequoia Middle School and NPHS will meet throughout the year to share resources and collaborate. MYP plan

7:50 a.m.

7.0 Representative reports
7.1 DAC – Ali Mroue - Absent
Report sent via email:
Here are the key takeaways from the second DAC Meeting, and SUPER DAC Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 13th:

CSF – October DAC Report

CSF Boots & Bling Soiree – Charity Karaoke

Thank you to everyone who came out to support these events!

Rotary Street Fair

October 18, 2026. Hosting a booth 9 am – 4 pm; next to the CVUSD booth/by Jack in the Box

Save the Date

State of the Schools, Thursday, May 6, 2027

CSF Teacher Grants

Applications closed October 9. Award Recipients will be notified by November 1.

Spelling Bee

CSF will cover the registration for any elementary or middle school that would like to participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Contact CSF Program Coordinator, Laura Mason, for more information: laura@conejoschools.org

Student Support Fund

The CSF Student Support Fund is used to assist CVUSD students with unmet needs by providing toiletries, personal care items, shoes, and clothing for the Conejo Closet, to provide school supplies for the School Supply Drive for unhoused and underhoused students, as well as support for culminating activities for McKinney-Vento 5th, 8th, and 12th grade students.

Please email foundation@conejoschools.org if you're interested in hosting a drive at your school, workplace, house of worship, or social group.

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- Open enrollment begins November 2, 2026 for the 2027-28 school year and the priority window closes on February 2, 2027 at 11:59 PM.

- SUPER DAC: Dr. Heather Chamberlin and Bethany Stern shared an update on mental health in CVUSD, how to access services, clinical considerations for special groups, and the role of parents/guardians.

- SUPER DAC: The presentation highlighted the collaboration and communication with parents/guardians who provide permission and consent to on-going individual or groups

services.

- SUPER DAC: Ways for parents/guardians to support their own child's mental health include: remember the big picture, don't over-accommodate, and take care of your own mental health.

- SUPER DAC: Dr. Heather Chamberlin shared her own "Heather Hacks" for parents/guardians to support their own well-being.

7.2 DELAC - Lucelly Duarte - Absent - DiDomizio to report: Mrs. Hochevar explained the IB grading, program expectations, and understanding that IB is made with every student in mind to parents at the last meeting.

7.3 GATE DAC- Sarah Rosas - Reviewed the history and evolution of GATE testing and why things have changed to make it more inclusive. GATE referrals are due by November 3rd. Break out groups talked about referring and testing. Adelante also met with GATE DAC

7.4 SEDAC -Prerona Sharma -absent (nothing to report)

7.5 PTSA- vacant - DiDomizio report - PTSA is collaborating with Physical Education for a “Beat the Heat” 5k to raise money to put fans in the gym. PTSA and DiDomizio are applying for a $10,000 grant from the City of Thousand Oaks to put towards the cost of the fans in the gym.

7.6 LGBTQ+-Dianna Brister - Just released the ToolKit. People signed up for their secondary subcommittee. October is LGBTQ+ History Month. A community event will take place in February - fliers to come!

7.7 AADAC – vacant - Nothing to report.

7.8 Boys and Girls Club - Andres Lopez - Dia De Los Muertos celebration where students can bring pictures of passed family members. Will be hosting a Morton cookout. Have 154 enrolled members across morning, lunch and after school. Collaboration from Sequoia to help students be on top of their homework during homework help at Boys and Girls Club.

8:10a.m.

8.0 Student successes and concerns - Bathrooms are sometimes closed due to various reasons (short campus supervisors and need of supervision to a single stall restroom to have better supervision; DiDomizio - We always have bathrooms available and open bathrooms are usually announced during the day)
9.0 Teacher/Staff successes and concerns - Thank you teachers for helping with the game booths at the Carnival! Hochevar gave a tour to families interested in enrolling students at our IB school.
10.0 Parent successes and concerns - None
10.1 Administration closing comments - Next month we will go over the safety plan

8:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment at 8:10 am