

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Parents' Club  
Thursday January 10, 2019  
Multipurpose Room at Sequoia Elementary School

**The following officers were present:**

President: Amy Niesen  
Vice-Presidents: Dian Ross & Jeremy De La Torre  
Treasurer: Katrina Gillaspie, Lisa Cornelius, Mickey Nguyen  
Secretary: McCall Miller, Michael Wanzer

**The following members/guests were present:**

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| Celeste Galvez  | Wendi Crass        | Brooklyn Clark |
| Andrea Card     | Justin Byrum       | Maura Milano   |
| Kim Puszczewicz | Sherry De La Torre | Emily Klein    |

**Call to Order**

**Principal's Report:**

Principal Brooklynn Clark advised that Kindergarten registration started today. Parents are excited to get involved in the classroom.

Facilities update: RVUSD board voted to approve plans for a new track and field in 2020. If it has to go through architecture approval, the process will take 6-8 months. It would be a larger surface, six-lane track.

Fence construction will happen during spring break. The DuPont side will be "majestic" slatted fencing. The fire lane near the Charter School will have a gate installed. Next year we will look at gating the front entrance of the school. The District's decision regarding the Charter school will affect construction.

New Superintendent Search: No applicants to this point. There has been some turbulence in the district. Principal Clark expects that more applications will come in the closer we get to the deadline, which is typical for these searches.

Safe School Ambassadors: A program for peer networking where 4th, 5th, and 6th-graders are trained to "influence" their peer groups to promote inclusion and prevent bullying. Mr. Taylor is working on implementing the program.

**Review and approval of December Minutes:**

Vice President De La Torre moved to approve the December, 2018, minutes. Vice President Ross seconded the motion. The December Minutes were approved without objection.

**Funding Requests:**

Vice President Ross requested approval for funding for a photo printer and related materials. Vice President De La Torre moved for approval of up to \$1,000 for that purposes. President Niessen seconded the motion. Whereupon, the Motion passed without objection.

Vice President Ross also discussed potential funding needs for the Lego Club. She stated that she will first seek Lego donations and, based upon receipts, consider whether to request additional funds from the Parents' club.

**Only One You Project:** Emily Klein stated that she received approval from maintenance to move forward with the “rock river” project. She will solicit donations for materials and if the district approves the project she will make a formal request of the SPC for funding. Total cost is expected to be approximately \$2,000.

**SPC Marketing/Branding Plan:**

Vice President Ross raised the issue of why aren’t we seeing more parent participation? Suggested that a survey for parent participation/outreach/data, etc. for development. SPC wants to determine parents’ expectations.

We discussed having coffee/doughnuts and emphasized the importance of spreading the work about SPC and parent involvement through word-of-mouth. Also discussed sending surveys, etc. to best determine how to improve parent involvement and foster a spirit of community among Sequoia parents.

**Spring Soiree:**

Andrea Guzman discussed progress to date. The cost is \$50/ticket. It was discussed that Teachers/Staff could receive a \$5 per ticket discount. Andrea requested volunteers to help with the silent auction and with clean-up. It was recommended that attendees purchase their tickets early.

**Walk-a-thon Themes:** President Niesen told the membership to consider themes for next year’s walk-a-thon and to email her with potential ideas for themes.

**Adjournment**