

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Parents' Club
Thursday March 14, 2019
Library 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 Wanser

The following members/guests were present:

Andrea Guzman	Emily Klein	Brooklyn Clark
Rashmi Burke	Justin Byrum	Bryan Carr
Rhiannon King	Jacki Fogleman	Megan Fonseca
Vanessa Ruiz	Emily Klein	

President's Welcome:

President Niesen called the meeting to order and introduced Megan Fonseca, the new executive director of the Rincon Valley Education Foundation.

RVEF Report:

Ms. Fonseca introduced herself to the SPC and stated that she looked forward to working with RVEF to fundraise and enrich the students in the Rincon Valley district. Traditionally, RVEF has focused on Science and the Arts as well as physical education.

Ms. Fonseca described that, in the past, the District had conveyed to RVEF that the District did not require RVEF contributions to finance the science facilitators in the elementary schools within the District. But more recently the District has implied that it is once again seeking such funding.

RVEF's board sets its priorities, and Ms. Fonseca could not say what the RVEF's specific priorities were for the 2019-2020 school year, but expects to have the goals for next year to be developed by July of 2019.

Members asked whether any gift from SPC to RVEF could be specifically earmarked for science instruction. Ms. Fonseca indicated that gifts could be specifically earmarked for a particular field of instruction, including science, but that SPC's donation could not be earmarked specifically to a science facilitator at the Sequoia campus.

The Members agreed to postpone a decision on the nature and amount of any contribution from SPC until RVEF could provide more clarity regarding its goals for the 2019-2020 school year, with the understanding that the Sequoia Parents Club wants to continue supporting RVEF, but before doing so want to be more comfortable knowing how RVEF intends to spend the funds.

Principal's Report:

Principal Brooklyn Clark introduced teachers Jackie Fogleman and Rhiannon Clark, each of whom attended the California Associate for the Gifted conference in Palm Springs, CA, which the SPC helped to fund.

Ms. Fogleman and Ms. Clark obtained ideas and materials to share with the rest of the educational staff at Sequoia and found the conference to be a good learning experience. They expressed their thank-yous to SPC for helping to fund their attendance.

Principal Clark then discussed the status of construction on campus. She explained that there remains temporary fencing in place but expressed optimism that the fencing along Calistoga Road will be complete before the end of Spring Break.

Review and approval of February Minutes:

Vice President De La Torre moved to approve the minutes of the February 2019 Sequoia Parents Club meeting minutes. Secretary Wanser seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved without objection.

Budget:

Treasurer Cornelius mentioned that we have room in the budget to start considering a more substantial gift or gifts, and that we should think about potential uses for those funds.

SPAC:

Tracy Smith was hired as the new Superintendent. She will begin on May 5, 2019.

Spirit Wear:

Vice President Ross announced a contest wherein students will submit their proposals for the design of Spirit Wear logos. The winner will be announced at Fine Arts Day and will receive a \$50 prize.

Funding Request:

We discussed a request that the SPC fund the purchase of copies of the book Only One You to be used in conjunction with the River Rock art installation project. Vice President De La Torre made a motion to approve funding up to \$172 to cover those costs. President Niesen seconded the motion, which was passed without objection.

Valentine's Recognition:

The SPC wants to provide a valentine to every student and to teachers and staff. The SPC board approved a \$100 expenditure for Valentines.

Spring Soiree:

Andrea Guzman shared the results of the Spring Soiree. The event earned \$4,873.50 in profit to the SPC, and a fun time was had by all.

The SPC Board extends its gratitude to Ms. Guzman and all of the volunteers for putting so much time and effort into making the event a success.

Read-a-thon:

Secretary Miller announced that the SPC raised \$10,745 from the Read-a-thon, of which SPC will see net profits of \$8,058.

The SPC Board extends its gratitude to Secretary Miller for her efforts in spearheading the Read-a-thon.

Color Run:

In lieu of Field Day, which is cancelled, the students will be participating in a "color run." They will also participate in a Zumba class if they are interested. We discussed potentially providing funds to cover the cost of sunglasses for the Color Run event.

RVEF Art Show:

There is some question regarding whether the RVEF art show would go forward this year. The SPC discussed potential options to display more of the students' art. We discussed displaying art projects in the Art Club room on STEAM night so that students and parents have the opportunity to view

the art.

Help Wanted:

The SPC is looking for a new treasurer. Someone with an accounting background would be ideal, but anyone willing to learn will be considered. Please let us know if you are interested.

We are also looking for a volunteer to collect and process box tops. Please let us know if you are interested.

Adjournment