



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Parents' Club  
Thursday April 11, 2019

**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:**

Brooklyn Clark                      Erin Agius                      Jen Maida  
Melissa Coleman

**President's Welcome:**

President Niesen called the meeting to order.

**RVEF Report:**

The Members agreed to donate \$2,000 to RVEF to fund science programs in the district.

**Principal's Report:**

Principal Brooklyn Clark discussed the status of construction on campus. The gates and fencing construction has been completed.

Ms. Clark reported on a successful assembly with author Mike Graf. The assembly included K-6, and Mr. Graf conducted a writing workshop with Sequoia's 4th-graders. Mr. Graf was a great guest and Ms. Clark hopes to invite him back for future assemblies/workshops.

Ms. Clark announced the "Giants go Green" recycling program to be implemented for the rest of the school year. Compost will be rolled out for next year. 6th-graders have prepared a PowerPoint presentation describing the recycling program.

Ms. Clark met with Ann Loarie from the School Garden Network. They discussed incorporating science-based curriculum into the garden by creating a "living lab." Teachers are going to meet with Ms. Loarie to discuss what potential programs would look like.

The board discussed potential options for creating a paid garden steward position while operating within the permissible framework of the CBA and District rules and regulations.

Ms. Clark stated that STEAM night is taking place on April 18, 2019. The Children's Museum will be there with mobile exhibits. There will be a Taco Truck, and science and engineering events throughout the night.

**Review and approval of March Minutes:**

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

**Website/Database:**

Vice President Ross discussed a demonstration in which she participated with ToolKit, a website/database platform which we could customize to SPC's needs. She indicated the functionality would be excellent. Using the platform requires a \$750/year fee plus nominal hosting fees. The board discussed seeing whether it could obtain references from other Parents' Clubs who



had used ToolKit. The Board agreed that ToolKit's free 30-day trial would be worthwhile to determine whether SPC should proceed.

### **SPAC Update:**

Austin Creek is having a dance on Friday, April 12, 2019. Binkley did a "Top Chef" event that was well-received. RVEF is raising money via the Human Race through the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County.

### **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. As of today's meeting the board has received 5 submissions.

### **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. President Niesen asked whether SPC would fund approximately \$800 for chalk and sunglasses for the event, scheduled for May 15.

### **Tortoise:**

We discussed whether to fund Mrs. Weber's purchase of a tortoise and related supplies. The Board agreed to wait until hearing back from animal expert Justin Miller regarding issues relating to keeping a tortoise in the classroom. The Board tabled further action until additional information is forthcoming.

### **Track Update:**

The architect has said he feels he can put a 6-lane track, "almost ¼ mile," longer than the track that currently. The construction is not likely to go forward until summer of 2020. Ruts in the track continue to be a problem. It would cost approximately \$10 to temporarily fix the ruts in the track. Dragging the track may partially help but is unlikely to fully resolve the ruts.

### **Beautification Update:**

The district brought back the "Rock River" proposal because rocks could potentially be thrown through windows. Also, the construction scheduled for 2020 could require the Rock River to be demolished.

Future Rock River installation will therefore occur after the 2020 construction where the risk of its destruction will be minimized.

For this year, a hand print project to replace the mermaid mural in the hallway is under consideration.

### **Flowers at Spring Concert:**

President Niesen discussed selling flowers at the upcoming Spring Concert on May 7, 2019. President Niesen and Vice President Ross agreed to lead that effort. They will sell flowers 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10.

### **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.

The SCP has located a box-top coordinator for next year.

### **Adjournment**