

# Sequoia High School

## PTSA General Membership Meeting

### Meeting Agenda & Minutes

7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 1, 2016 | Location: Sequoia High School

## Attendees

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In attendance: Sian Davies, Donna Fiore, Susie Gilbert, Marlena Griffin, Lisa Hane, Alice Henderson, Gayle Hoch, Sherri Horan, Rachel Krueger, Rachel Levine, Lauren Pachkowski, Grace Schulz, Jayne Sungail, Carmen Alvarado, Jose Douglas Villeda, Christine Peterson, Susie Gilbert, Suniana Butler, Subathra Ramanathan,

Principal Sean Priest, Anthony Ross – youth counseling center

## Agenda

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- 6:30 – 7:00 ELAC/PTSA Potluck –everyone welcome!
- 7:00 – 7:30 Welcome and Q&A with Principal Sean Priest
- 7:30 – 8:00 PTSA move to room 100 – Presentation by Anthony Ross from Adolescent Counseling Services and student leaders from Sequoia’s GSA(Gender Sexuality Alliance). Welcome and Call to Order, Introductions – Lisa Hane
- 8:00 – 8:05 Approval of Minutes
- 8:05 – 8:10 Treasurer’s Report – Gayle Hoch
- 8:10 – 8:20 Class Reports
  - 2017 Grad Week Chairs – Donna Fiore, Jill Berry
  - 2020 Freshman Welcome report
  - 2019 Evergreen sales update, deadline to order: Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Sian, Susie, Lauren
  - 2018 Jr. Grad team, volunteers for upcoming winter basketball concessions?
- 8:20 – 8:45 Committee Reports
  - Mini grant wrap up – Marlena Griffin
  - Reflections – deadline to submit Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Levine
  - International Festival Wrap-up – Gayle Sungail

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Membership – Sian/Alice

8:45 – 8:50 – Any other business –Report from recent parent education meeting on college process

8:50           Adjourn

# Meeting Minutes

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General Session started at 7:00 pm

## **State of the School & Q&A – Principal Sean Priest**

- Reported freshman and sophomores will be taking Interim assessments, the practice version of smarter balance online test for English and math, to gather data and to assist kids before they take the actual exam in April
  - Reported - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> all school numeracy and literacy tests
  - Reported - 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) survey in math classes, which will help kids identify their interests and assist councilors when advising on class choices
  - Noted – math teacher Nancy Ku’s wall statements mirror Sequoia ideals: 1) everyone can learn math at the highest level 2) math is about creativity and making sense 3) questions are very important 4) mistakes are valuable 5) depth is more important than speed
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Association Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm

## **Welcome and Call to Order, Introductions – Lisa Hane**

- Presentation by Anthony Ross detailing the services offered by Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS)
  - Support for LGBT ages 10-25 for 25 years through peer support groups and identity counseling
  - Groups on campus – facilitate peer support groups
  - Work with teen center for GSA to offer what is needed
  - Education for school staff and councilors,
  - Training for marriage and family councilors training LGBT issues
  - 1 on 1 council – teachers, councilors dealing LGBT
  - 1 or 1 counseling for gender issues
- Presentation by Suniana Butler on behalf of GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance)
  - Suniana is on the board of GSA
  - GSA Mission statement – educate advocate and create a safe space for LGBQ students
  - Goal for first semester is Educate
  - Goal for second semester is projects, for example, connect clubs on campus for an anti-bullying campaign
  - On Fridays the club creates a place where people can be themselves

## **Agenda & Minutes** (Lisa Hane)

*Accepted minutes as presented*

## Finance Report (Gail Hoche)

- Reviewed Financial Report for October 1 - 31, 2016; report is posted online
- Reported PTSA membership numbers are up to 307; membership goal -500
- Reviewed check written in October

1317	Cash	Sequoia International Festival - Cash Box Float	150.00
1318	Redwood City Parks and Recreation	Inv #2016-30, SHS International Festival, 10/22/16	2,500.00
1319	Alice Henderson	Board Expenses - Membership - Photocopying	93.00
1320	Lauren Pachkowski	Special Projects-Canopies, Staff Appreciation-Table Covers	279.89
1321	Anthony Relator	New Teacher Grant	146.72
1322	Eva Stephens	New Teacher Grant	150.00
1323	PTAEZ	Invoice 3838, Renewal from 10/20/16 to 10/19/17	209.00
1324	Minauti Dave	New Teacher Grant	150.00
1325	Betsy Snow	New Teacher Grant	142.39
1326	Claire Heritier-Kerby	New Teacher Grant	141.82
1327	Drew Riddle	New Teacher Grant	86.70
1328	Ashley Horgan	New Teacher Grant	145.62
1329	Beatriz Orozco	New Teacher Grant	150.00
1330	Sequoia High School ASB	Fall Mini Grants - Clubs	600.00
1331	Sequoia High School	Fall Mini Grants - Teachers	7,747.00

*Motion to ratify checks as presented by Susie Gilbert  
Motion carries*

## Class Reports

- 2016 (Lisa)
  - Explained the process of raising money for Senior Grad Night activities
- 2017 (Sian)
  - Reported evergreen sales – 166 items sold to date as compared to 190 sold last year
- 2018 (Lisa)
  - Reported a need for people to head basketball concession stand during December and January
- 2017 (Lisa)
  - Reported \$5,000 raised to date
  - Noted that the last football game is this weekend

## Committee Reports

- Mini-grants wrap up (Jayne)
  - Reported \$8,347 worth of grants were funded - 2 clubs, the rest teachers
- Reflections (Gayle)
  - Noted the deadline is Friday
  - Reported 4 entries so far
  - Noted - expecting 15 photos from Ms. Sheehan's class
- International Festival wrap up (Lisa)
  - Reported that a debrief meeting will be held with the committee members
  - Suggested new branding/define the identity
- Membership
  - Reported 307 members currently

## Other Business (Lisa)

- Noted November 5<sup>th</sup> - Campus tours for interested 8<sup>th</sup> grade families / student run / parent supported
- Noted January 21<sup>st</sup> is the next 8<sup>th</sup> grade tour night

## Next Meeting

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Next Meeting: Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 7:00p

## Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Respectfully submitted by Sherri Horan