

# Sequoia High School

## PTSA Association Meeting

### Meeting Agenda & Minutes

7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 3, 2015 | Location: Sequoia High School

## Attendees

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In attendance: Araceli Huerta, Gayle Hoch, Lauren Pachkowski, Grace Schulz, Jayne Sungail, Sian Davies, Michelle Futornick, Rachel Krueger, Donna Fiore, Isabelle Dumazet, Beatrice Carrot, Robin Walton, Susie Gilbert, Lisa Pokorny, Brian Rapia, Lisa Hane, Glenn Bugos, Donnel Walton

Principal Sean Priest

Guest Speaker: Sixtine Gontier

## Agenda

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- 6:00 – 7:00 PTSA/ELAC Potluck
- 7:00 – 7:30 Principal Sean Priest – Q&A
- 7:30 – 8:00 Welcome and Call to Order – Lisa Hane  
Guest Speaker: Sixtine Gontier, Certified Professional Coach  
“How to Understand and Motivate Teens”
- 8:00 – 8:05 Approval of minutes
- 8:05 – 8:15 Treasurer’s Report – Sian Davies
- 8:15 – 8:30 Class Reports
  - 2016 – Grad Week Chairs – Cecilia Canale, Pam Ross
  - 2019 – Freshman parent welcome report – Susie Gilbert
  - 2018 – Evergreen sales update
  - 2017 – Update on grad committee meeting
- 8:30 – 8:45 Committee Reports
  - Mini-grants announced - Lisa Goularte
  - Reflections – Rachel Levine

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8:45 – 8:50 Any other business

8:50 Adjourn

## Meeting Minutes

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General Session started at 7:00 pm

### **Principal Sean Priest: Q&A**

- Commented on producers vs. consumers; noted all the ways Sequoia students are producing something. Examples include web animation using Scratch in the Digital Arts Academy, mobile applications, journalism, woods, biotech, Dia de los Muertos celebrations, Performing Arts – Brigadoon and the Winter Concert, math posters in the hallway, visual arts hand drawings, and foods in the Culinary Arts Classroom.
- Noted that the construction project is underway
- Mentioned PTSA exam
  - Practice for 10<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Identifies National Merit Scholars for 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- Discussed SBAC Test – an interim assessment taken in April
- Reminded parents there is no school on Veteran’s Day (Nov. 11)
- Addressed question regarding Sequoia’s Program Improvement (PI) status
  - Under No Child Left Behind, the targets increase each year
  - These targets are currently frozen; no way to meet target
  - Sequoia is required to send a letter notifying parents of the PI status
  - Testing is now skills-based vs. recall

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Association Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

### **Guest Speaker: Sixtine Gontier, Certified Professional Coach**

#### **“How to Understand and Motivate Teens”**

- Presented background as a Certified Professional Coach, working with teens to provide academic life coaching based on motivational style
- Delivered presentation on understanding teens’ motivation
  - Need to find own reasons for getting things done
  - External (conditional) motivation; external benefits
  - Internal (intrinsic) motivation; action itself is the reward, enjoying the process as much as the results
  - Teens need to tap into the one that works best
  - Motivate toward benefits, away from pain

- Outlined action steps:
  - Create a vision
  - Plan and outline steps
  - Be conscious of setbacks
  - Celebrate!

*Approval of minutes postponed pending review*

**Thank you (Lisa Hane)**

- Read thank you letter from Ms. Gray for New Teacher Grant

**Financial Report (Sian Davies)**

- Reviewed Financial Report
- Reviewed checks written from October 1 to 31, 2015

**Checks Written October 1-31**

1186	Susie Gilbert	Reimbursement – Freshman Family Welcome	\$88.11
1187	Ashley Gray	Reimbursement - New Teacher Grant	\$99.46
1188	Greg Schmid	Reimbursement - New Teacher Grant	\$150.00
1189	Laura Luttrell	Reimbursement - New Teacher Grant	\$147.56
1190	Sequoia High School Sport and Spirit Booster Club	Webstore Donations Sept 11- October 27, 2015	\$100.00
1191	Sequoia High School	Pass thrus – VPA, PSAT and College Day	\$550.00
1192	17 <sup>th</sup> District PTA	Membership Dues and Insurance	\$1,964.00

*Motion to ratify checks as presented by Lauren Pachkowski  
Motion carries*

**Class Reports**

- 2016 (Lisa)
  - Reported concession sales of \$2140 (popcorn, coffee, cocoa, tea)
  - Received ticket sales of \$14K
  - Reminded that the Love Bag sales are still going
  - Reported that 15% of Honey Bears purchases go to Sequoia; find them on El Camino in San Carlos; also on Woodside Road in RWC and Delaware Street in San Mateo
  - Reminder that it costs about 25K to put on the Safe and Sober Grad Night event, and funds need to be raised all four years
- 2017
  - Met with 10 interested parents
  - Planning for sales for Grad night
- 2018
  - Reported that evergreen sales are advertised in the Sentinel
- 2019 (Susie Gilbert)
  - Reported on the Freshman parent welcome
  - Provided gift certificates under the bleachers to get treats

- Suggested more advertisement and location closer to beginning
- Suggested to coordinate with Central schedule (no conflicts)

### **Committee Reports** (Jayne Sungail)

- Mini-grants
  - Received 39 submissions; decided to fund 27
  - Included examples: instruments, map of the world, calculators, physics equipment, field trips
- Reflections
  - Reported on deadline Thursday; apply through website
- Junior Scholarship
  - Encouraged juniors to join PTSA to be eligible for scholarship

### **Other Business**

- Reported campus tours led by the ASB on Nov. 21 and January 30 are available for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; advertised in Sentinel
- Suggested to make website more accessible to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families
- Suggested making a campus tour video
- Requested to receive feedback from freshman parents; need to know communication channels
- Submitted draft of the communication channels handout; would like feedback

## Next Meeting

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Next Meeting: December 1st at 7 p.m. Lori McBride will speak on San Mateo County Foster Youth Program. All are welcome!

## Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

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Respectfully submitted by Rachel Krueger