

Sequoia High School

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Meeting Agenda & Minutes

7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 5, 2017 | Location: Sequoia High School

Meeting Minutes

General Session started at 7:09 pm

Introductions by Lauren Pachkowski, PTSA president. Please join as members of the PTSA for \$20 per person per year. We also need your time; please sign up for small committee jobs.

Lauren and past president Lisa Hane presented a symbolic giant "check" to Mr. Priest showing how 4849 hours of PTSA-donated hours last year represents a value of \$138,002.54.

Welcome & Q&A – Principal Sean Priest

- Great start to the new year, really smooth start.
- Sequoia by the Numbers:
 - 2161 students enrolled as of this morning
 - 671 students taking at least one IB/AP class (11th and 12th graders)
 - 57.5 = percentage of students in IB/AP classes who come from underrepresented groups (ELL, free and reduced-price lunch eligible)
 - 243 students in health careers and Digital Arts Academy
 - 300 participating in fall sports
 - 204 participating in performing arts (including classes)
 - 60 students auditioned for Chicago, our fall musical, including the pit orchestra
 - 134 teachers on staff (note we had 100 just 7 years ago)
 - 7 new teachers (1 counselor, 6 classroom teachers)
 - 6.7 is the average number of years that our new teachers have been teaching
 - 34 teachers teaching IB/AP classes; most also teach other levels and/or ELD
 - 73 sections offered of IB/AP classes
 - 30 sections for ELD (average class size 20.1)/LEP (core content with extra support for those with limited English proficiency)
 - 896 students qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. Note that these students receive breakfast, brunch and lunch, and all students who

- participate in SAFE after school program receive a hot meal regardless of family finances.
- 110 SAMTRANS passes were given or sold to students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the month of August
 - 15 Measure A construction projects completed or underway including:
 - A Wing (finished) – 10 classrooms including 2 science labs
 - Fresh coat of paint for the building
 - Tea garden complete and has 50 Adirondack chairs
 - New deck and food kiosk to serve meals
 - In progress: New field
 - M Wing remodel underway – it will be beautiful
 - Electrical upgrade
 - Shade structure and lighting over pool
 - Lighting in turf area
 - More outside lighting for better safety on campus
 - Additional security cameras
 - 810 hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers served at the 9th grade
 - Key Dates coming up:
 - September 16 - Sequoia Stampede
 - October 3 – 9th grade College Day (visit 8 local 4-year colleges)
 - October 11 – PSAT (10th and 11th graders)
 - Terri Ignaitis reminded us that grade level meetings are coming up
 - If you have questions or concerns, please talk directly to the teacher rather than the principal
 - Mr. Priest introduced the newest member of the leadership team, Instructional VP Kristin Stout

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3 (7 pm)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

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Respectfully submitted by Erika Pretell