

Sewell Elementary School Council

Minutes 2023-2024

Meeting Date April 24 ,2024

Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Bonnie Mort, Elizabeth Gow, Megan Swanson, Tusamba Nefwani, Charlena Dolan, Mariana Vazquez-Maloney,
Members absent	Norma Ryan, Christina Barraza
Guests	
Constituency groups represented	Teachers, Staff, Administrator, Parents

- I. Called to order at 3:12 by Tusamba Nefwani
- II. Approval of Minutes for January 31, 2024

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes for meeting of January 31, 2024, were approved by Megan Swanson second by Bonnie Mort with the correction to Mariana's name.
ACTION ITEMS	NONE

- III. Call to the audience

Discussion notes	None
Conclusions	
Action items	

- IV. Reports

Reports to review	Principal – We are in the process of hiring a second-grade teacher as we have an additional FTE. We have hired Elizabeth Hansen as a kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Milligan has moved to Mission View for a full-time position. A half time counselor position will be posted in May. We currently have a three quarters primary floating TA and a quarter primary floating TA position posted. The Hiring Committee consists of Ms. Gow, Mr. Frank, and Mrs. Barraza.
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discussion	none
Conclusions	none
Action items	none

V. Action Items

item title	Ms. Nefwani’s term is up so we need to elect a new Site Council facilitator. An email will go out to request people who are interested to put their names in for voting. We will also need to elect one certified and one classified person to join site council. We hope to vote on Wednesday May 1 st , 2024 professional development meeting. Mrs. Dolan will not be taking notes in the coming school year.
discussion notes	
resolution –	

VI. Discussion/information items

item title	Ms. Gow proposed that five thousand dollars from undesignated tax credits would be designated for stipends for classified or certified teachers to facilitate after school clubs.
discussion notes	Should the funding be approved, we will begin clubs at the beginning of the school year, within the first quarter. Clubs will be based on the willingness of certified or classified staff to propose and facilitate a club. Materials needed will be provided first from current school supplies. Additional funds for materials may be requested from the Booster Club. Funds have already been designated to provide for two days a week of academic tutoring also starting earlier in the year. This would leave two days a week for clubs. Clubs and tutoring will be available for all grade levels. Time could be offered in the morning or the afternoon. The size of a club could range from 5 at the least to 15 at the most.

item title	Summer School
discussion notes	Summer school will be June 3 rd through June 27. It will be from 8am to 12 pm, Monday through Thursday. Ms. Nefwani is the summer school coordinator. Our enrollment numbers permit us to have two Summer School teachers. Mrs. Petrino and Ms. Ryan have confirmed they will be teaching. There will be an OMA AIS providing services. The National Hall of Fame STEM program will be the curriculum with academics embedded. Per requirements, a sit down style lunch will be served within the program schedule. Students have been preselected

	<p>for invitation by the district. We currently have 6 enrolled. If places are not filled, we will request permission to invite more students from a second district composed list.</p> <p>Ms. Nefwani will forward information about who has been invited to classroom teachers so they can encourage parents to attend.</p>
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Item Title	Primary Playground update
discussion notes	Work order has not been filled – the school administration is in continuing communication with district– it is not a high priority for the district at this time.
resolution	-

item title	Sports Equipment update
discussion notes	Materials have arrived and will be put into use
resolution	-

item title	Storm Water Concepts update
discussion notes	<p>There was a meeting Friday 4/19/2024 with Ms. Gow. The percolation test was satisfactory. The plans show several basins surrounded by paths. The city will put in an emergency “well” to eliminate flooding</p> <p>They will provide seasonal interpretive panels to describe the plants –</p> <p>They will plant butterfly friendly plants and the area can be designated as a monarch way station paths. Plants and plans will need to be approved by the district and get heads of facilities involved. The projected completion date is two years in the future.</p>
resolution	-

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resolution	-

item title	Water for Garden
discussion notes	Update – we are third on the list. Work order has not been filled – in communication with district – it is not a high priority for the district at this time.
resolution -	

item title	Ms. Lanning’s curb has been moved into the garden as a memorial
discussion notes	Moved in on Tuesday – 4/23 Mrs. Dolan was acknowledged for her help in facilitating this.
resolution -	

item title	Sewell Booster Update
discussion notes	Fifth grade promotion – the same DJ was requested Booster club needs at least a week prior notice to answer request. Receipts are needed for reimbursement. No blank checks will be distributed. We need at least one more parent – we have two prospects We need to get more active staff and parent involvement to keep Booster Club support.
resolution -	

VII. **Submission of items for next agenda.**
none

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by Bonnie Mort, seconded by Megan Swanson. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: Next School Year