

Sewell Elementary School Council **Minutes 2025-2026**

Meeting Date April 22, 2026

Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Maria Alvarado-Wells, Eileen Gow, Megan Swanson, Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Charlena Dolan, Olivia Esquivias
Members absent	
Guests	Karen Dineen, Nicole Garcia
Constituency groups represented	Teachers, Staff, Administrator, Parents

- I. Called to order at 3:15 by Mrs. Alvarado-Wells
- II. Approval of Minutes for February 17, 2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes for meeting of November 19, 2025, were approved by Megan Swanson, second by Maria Alvarado-Wells.
ACTION ITEMS	NONE

- III. Call to the audience

Discussion notes	None
Conclusions	None
Action items	None

- IV. Principal Report

Reports to review	Principal – State Testing for the third through fifth graders went smoothly. Growth is expected due to the great instruction and the support from the iReady computer program.
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discussion	Student use the iReady computer program 45minutes per week in both Math and Reading.
Conclusions	none
Action items	none

Reports to review	Principal – PBIS
discussion	PBIS incentives for students receiving Sabercat Cards recognizing students being safe, kind, and wise as well as pizza parties for the students with perfect attendance for the month have been well received.
Conclusions	none

Action Items

item title	Request for \$5000 from undesignated tax credit to tutoring for the 2026-2027 school year
discussion notes	Having these funds available will facilitate tutoring starting earlier in the school year – possibly even in the first quarter.
resolution	– Motion to approve request by Megan Swanson, Second by Mariana Vazquez-Maloney – Motion approved

VI.

item title	Status of undesignated tax credit balance and other designated tax credits.
discussion notes	Fine Arts – \$3751.44 Sports - \$4131.86 OMA - \$5145.19 Field Trips - \$5715.23 Garden - \$1000.00 Tutoring - \$3440.27

	Undesignated - \$14,660.55
resolution	– Some tax credit monies have come in recently.

	Enrollment Numbers
discussion notes	165 students including pre-school
resolution	– none

item title	Full Time Employees (FTE) for the 2026-2027 school year
discussion notes	One teacher for each grade level. The Bond Override will provide a part-time PE teacher (Ms. Hook) and a full-time ELD teacher. All positions have been filled and more information will be coming when new employees have been cleared through HR.
resolution	–

item title	Parking Lot traffic during drop off and pick up
discussion notes	Issues- People are parking in front of the walkway, over the crosswalk. Cars are not moving as people stop and stay to watch their child walk in or walk them in leaving the car. Students are getting out of the car on the driver's side into incoming traffic. Parents parking in handicap spaces to walk their child into school. Some possible solutions- Post safety protocol signs, have a monitor out to direct traffic in the morning, request a safety officer to come and speak to parents, signs to designate the drop-off area by the fence as short term parking
resolution	– Ideas will be considered

item title	Field Day Friday April 24 th , 12:45 to 2:30
discussion notes	Parent letters went out. Supplies have been donated. Parents are volunteering. Request for bottled water has been made. Stations are planned, materials are prepared, and a map has been made available to teachers. Students will bring their belongings out to a designated space as they will be dismissed from the playground and not return into the building. Parent volunteers will have be able to sign out their students and leave through the gate.
resolution – Everyone is looking forward to Field Day	

item title	End of the Year Dance Celebration
discussion notes	The DJ has been booked, and cake will be ordered for the promotion. Grade levels have an assigned time to participate to avoid crowding.
resolution –	

item title	Other Upcoming Events
discussion notes	5/2 OMA Showcase, Palo Verde High School, 3pm 5/4 Band and Orchestra Concert 10am 5/6 OMA Performance (K-5) North Field 5pm 5/11 OMA Opera Performance, Cafeteria, 6pm 5/12 OMA Dance Performance, Cafeteria, 9:15am 5/20 Kindergarten Celebration, Cafeteria, 9:30am 5/21 Fifth Grade Promotion, Cafeteria, 9:30am 5/21 School Dance (varied times)
resolution –	

VII. Agenda and Date for the Next Meeting in the new school year to be planned by the new members.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. by Maria Alvarado-Wells, motion by Megan Swanson, second by Olivia Esquivias. Motion approved.