

Sewell Elementary School Council

Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date October 01 ,2025

Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Maria Alvarado-Wells, Eileen Gow, Megan Swanson, Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Charlena Dolan, Olivia Esquivias
Members absent	
Guests	Maize Tenney - Parent
Constituency groups represented	Teachers, Staff, Administrator, Parents

- I. Called to order at 3:10 by Mrs. Alvarado-Wells
- II. Approval of Minutes for April 5, 2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes for meeting of April 5, 2025, were approved by Megan Swanson, second by Eileen Gow. Approved with correction of Mrs. Gow's first name.
ACTION ITEMS	NONE

- III. Call to the audience

Discussion notes	None
Conclusions	
Action items	

- IV. Reports

Reports to review	Principal – Undesignated tax credit balances and other designated tax credits 2 lines added – tutoring and garden Undesignated: \$19,347.94 Field Trips- \$5531,23 Fine Arts - \$4,988.56 Garden Program - \$0 OMA Program \$3745.19
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	Sports \$4172.05 Tutor Program \$400
discussion	Book Vending Machine at Cavett as an idea to possibly implement
Conclusions	none
Action items	none

Reports to review	Principal - Status of prior approved expenditures Sports Equipment - all items received and in use Canopy- had been shipped and arrived today Uniforms- received and in use Garden- purchase order received - plan in place to utilize over the fall break
discussion	Excitement expressed about canopy and garden plans
Conclusions	
Action items	none

Reports to review	Principal – Enrollment Numbers 171 students Personnel to be hired – Preschool Teacher and Custodian
discussion	Custodian Mr. LB is contracted through an agency to help Mr. Frank until the position has been filled.
Conclusions	none
Action items	none

Reports to review	Principal – Family Engagement STEAM Family Event was a Success Second Quarter Events: October: 17 th – 1 st Quarter Award Ceremony- awards for star and improvement as no longer using benchmark testing 24 th – Trunk or Treat, 5:00-6:00, student council will be involved, donations of candy will be requested 31 st – Halloween Parade 1:45 to 2:15, Families will be invited December: 3 rd - OMA Performance 4:30-5:30 16 th – OMA Dance Performance 9:00-9:45
discussion	Preschool involvement in the Awards and the OMA performance was discussed and responded to positively
Conclusions	none

Action items	none
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Reports to review	Principal – Volunteers 3 volunteers through the NSU AmeriCorps Foste Grandparents program
discussion	They are helping in Kindergarten, Third, and Fourth Grades
Conclusions	
Action items	

Reports to review	Principal – Library Ms. McCallum, the librarian, has received a grant of \$2,500 from the Kirk Bear Canyon Library and two grants of \$500 each from the Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library
discussion	These funds will go to new books for the library and books to be provided to students
Conclusions	
Action items	

V. Action Items

item title	Tax Credit Monies
discussion notes	Use some of undesignated funds to fund tutoring and garden. Encourage family members etc. to fund tutoring for a student/ class Homework Help – qualified and vetted parents to support students with homework and possibly reading groups Provide monies available to fund garden supplies etc.as needed
resolution –	
	\$5000 to tutoring motion made by Megan Swanson made a motion to fund tutoring with \$5000, second Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Approved
	\$1000 to garden motion made by Olivia Esquivias, second by Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Approved

item title	Storm Drain Project
discussion notes	A meeting is scheduled after fall break.
resolution –	

VI. Submission of items for next agenda

School Scores posted November according to the website

Preschool – how to keep informed and welcome – help them feel part of the school community (less or no presence in Class Dojo or other media) Pre-K to 5 School Newsletter – Part of OMA performance

Social Media Presence – Ms. Olivia taking charge of Facebook – Is Instagram possible?

Getting information out to parents about Site Council.

Storm Drain Project Update

- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. by Maria Alvarado-Wells and seconded by Megan Swanson. Motion approved.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday November 19, 2025, 3:15 in the Library.
Wednesday February 18th, 2026, 3:15 in the Library.
Wednesday April 8th, 2026, 3:15 in the Library.**