

Sewell Elementary School Council

Minutes 2025-2026

Meeting Date November 19 ,2025

Meeting Location: Library

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

- I. Called to order at 3:18 by Mrs. Alvarado-Wells
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 01, 2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	
CONCLUSIONS	Minutes for meeting of October 01, 2025, were approved by Megan Swanson, second by Mariana Vazquez-Maloney. Approved with correction of decimal in amount for fieldtrips
ACTION ITEMS	NONE

- III. Call to the audience

Discussion notes	Question regarding policy about notifying parents in case of reported infectious disease in the school
Conclusions	Ms. Gow follows district policy that information is confidential.
Action items	

- IV. Reports

Reports to review	Principal – Undesignated tax credit balances and other designated tax credits Undesignated: \$14,722.05 Field Trips- \$5,531.23 Fine Arts - \$3,584.16 Garden Program - \$1,000 OMA Program \$3,745.19 Sports \$4,141.05
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discussion	
Conclusions	
Action items	

Reports to review	Principal – Enrollment Numbers 168 students
discussion	We are a B school. Attendance is one area where we did not get all of the points. A deep dive into the data will happen in December.
Conclusions	none
Action items	Inform parents regarding the impact of attendance on learning and on the school. Suggestion made that reminder notes regarding attendance and encouraging improvement should be sent out monthly or quarterly.

Reports to review	Principal – Family Engagement 24 th – Trunk or Treat, 5:00-6:00 very successful
discussion	
Conclusions	none
Action items	none

Reports to review	Principal – Upcoming Events December: 3 rd - OMA Performance 4:30-5:30- North Field 8 th – Band and Orchestra 10:00 am 11 th – OMA Fieldtrip to Miracle on 42 nd St 12 th – Hansel and Gretel Assembly Performance 16 th – OMA Dance Performance 9:00-9:45
discussion	
Conclusions	
Action items	

Reports to review	PBIS Implementation
discussion	PBIS Sabercat Cards – given to students displaying the Sabercat traits – Safe, Kind, and Wise Cards are turned into the library on Thursday and one student per grade is randomly chosen and given a small prize. All student cards are returned to them to share with their families. Perfect Attendance Pizza Lunch returns – students with perfect attendance in August, September, and October were celebrated with a pizza lunch. They went to lunch 5 minutes early and were

	given a ticket to show their family. The lunch will continue monthly. Classroom Perfect Attendance- When a class has perfect attendance they are celebrated with a visit from Biscuit or Butter the Sabercats (created by Mrs. Petrino) and a star on their door. When the class receives 5 stars, they earn a popcorn party.
Conclusions	none
Action items	

Reports to review	Garden Purchase Order for Supplies
discussion	PO given to Mrs. Dolan – research is being done, and Mrs. Dolan is getting help in putting in the system. It will hopefully be implemented soon.
Conclusions	none
Action items	

V. Action Items

item title	Tax Credit Monies
discussion notes	Ms. McCallum, the librarian, requests \$800.00 for headphones for the school from undesignated tax credit funds.
resolution –	
	\$800.00 for headphones for the school from undesignated tax credit funds - motion made by Megan Swanson to fund headphones, second Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Approved

VI.

item title	Tax Credit Monies
discussion notes	Request \$500.00 for PBIS Sabercats' prizes from undesignated tax credit funds (the district marketplace includes Oriental Traders).
resolution –	
	\$500 to fund PBIS Sabercats prizes - motion made by Megan Swanson to fund PBIS prizes, second Mariana Vazquez-Maloney, Approved

item title	Storm Drain Project
discussion notes	The meeting has been pushed back.
resolution –	

VII. Submission of items for next agenda

OMA Opera costumes

School Grade Deep Dive of Data Discussion

Preschool – how to keep informed and welcome – help them feel part of the school community

Getting information out to parents about Site Council and parent recruitment.

Storm Drain Project Update

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. by Maria Alvarado-Wells and seconded by Megan Swanson. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 18th, 2026, 3:15 in the Library
Wednesday April 8th, 2026, 3:15 in the Library