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School Site Council Meeting Agenda **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** **3:15 p.m. – Elementary Library**

Attendees: Doug Hedin, Mackenzie Smith, Nancy Thomson, Maria Holm, Jericho Delaney, Makaila Hernandez, Mary Rupp, Srishti Rathore

Guests: Zyra Ahmed, Andria Tong, Elaine Zhou, Tracy Abraham, Kim Garcia, Rebecca Shatzer, Brittany Pyle, Alia Matthews

- Welcome & Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2026, meeting. There were insufficient members to vote. SSC will vote on February's Minutes during the April meeting.
- Public Comments
 - No public comments
- Committee Reports (GATE-DAC, ASB, DAC, DELAC, AADAC, SEDAC, LGBTQ+AC, PTSA)

ASB

- Spirit: We are on our second day of our March Spirit Week centered around Saint Patrick's Day. The week consists of a variety of LTAs and dress-up days, one for each day tied to Saint Patrick's Day, making it just a little extra special for the middle schoolers. We have just had our 1st LTA, called the Gold Hunt LTA. We have also finalized our Spirit Committee's system, outlining how to run it effectively so the next generation of ASB can thrive and build upon what we have done.
- REC/OUT: The Coyote Lounge will be held on March 27th. Publicity, REC/OUT, and Mr. Bowen are organizing a March Madness Tournament tied to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Teams will be randomly assigned to homerooms through a drawing, and each homeroom will represent one team in the bracket. The homeroom whose assigned team wins the tournament will earn an ice cream party.
- Publicity: The March Madness VMA was a success. Reactions were well received, and students were informed about events this month. Posters for the St. Patrick's Spirit Week were made and put up, and the campus was decorated with St. Patrick's-themed decorations like green streamers and four-leaf clovers to enhance school spirit. We will be switching to 4th quarter committees soon.



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- Events: We are starting a new step-by-step guide for future ASB members to reference for lawn games. As for the Spring Social in early May, we are still discussing a good theme; however, we are leaning towards an enchanted forest, as we have already started looking for decorations. We finished mapping out the Social, with all the mini-games outside, some near the concessions, and others near the inflatables. We also want to add an interactive activity for the students, maybe a flower crown/necklace-making station to fit the theme.

SEDAC

The district recently approved March Disability History Month (celebrating advocacy/civil rights) and Disability Awareness Month, along with its current designation as Women's History Month. SEDAC's Disability Inclusion Toolkit has been updated to include information on Disability History Month (see here: [Disability History Month | Smore Newsletters](#))

Grading Panel (CVUSD Grade span Directors, along with Shanda Lee and Kenny Loo)

- Discussion of the 3 pillars of equitable grading practices (accuracy, bias-resistance, and motivational) and how this has been incorporated throughout the district in the last few years. In the same way that UDL provides universal supports (that can address the specific needs of students with IEPs or 504s), this approach for grading similarly benefits all children, and by its nature builds in consideration for students on IEPs and 504s. It was also mentioned that this year they expanded mastery grading to grade 3 with the support of the majority of CVUSD teachers--they will meet in spring to assess how it is going.
- I have attached a flyer that SEDAC made with Milestones in Disability History, and also a Read Across America book suggestion list (I poked around the library catalog, it looks like Sycamore Canyon already has a good number of these :) Here are some other flyers that were shared with useful resources: [Community Reports](#)
- Special Education Directors Updates: District-wide efforts to strengthen inclusive practices since our last meeting have included: family engagement through a recent resource fair, leadership development focusing on inclusive and collaborative practices, and inclusion discussions from our Inclusion TOSA to middle school ASB/ASGs.
- The next meeting will be the last one for the year.

GATE - DAC

No report since February. Next meeting is at the end of March.

From our school Gate Coordinator:



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Mrs Abraham had the 3rd Grade GATE class on Monday, March 9th. The session went very well—**24 third-grade students attended it.**

Students designed their own monsters or fantasy characters using polymer clay, and many were excited to use their creations as inspiration for a story, myth, or legend. It was a fun and creative afternoon, and the kids were highly engaged throughout the class. As she is present in today's meeting, she will share about her upcoming meetings.

PTSA

- Past and Upcoming Events shared

DAC

Check the District website for information

DELAC

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AADAC

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LGBTQ+A

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Principal Remarks

- Mr. Hedin thanked PTSA for the big fans in the gym. The temperature difference was incredible.
- Getting ready to set concrete for soccer area.
- Mr. Hedin advised to be careful when out on the trails – rattle snakes get startled so if you hear it, turn around.
- Old Business
 - SPSA Plan Monitoring
 - i. School Goals and Strategies/Activities - 3 groups gathered to track the data and notate only changes or keep the same. The groups discussed the preliminary goals then they'll be reviewed again next month.
- New Business

Next Meeting: 3/18/26

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