

**Redwood School Site Council Minutes
January 18, 2022 via Zoom Meeting, 3:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm.

Members present: Nicole Judd, Paola Vargas, Tracy Sims, Corine Musgrove, Adam Payne, James Cook, Stacey Wasson, Greg Saltzberg, Roya Klaidman, Christine Evangelista, Carrie Halvorsen, Melissa Crawford, Angie Biehl, Niki Wikstrom, Margo Tameris, Chakameh Azimpour, Chanise Spencer, Rachael Brusseau,
Absent: Dawn Jacobson, Laura Detweiler, Zachary Snow, Patricia Aguirre, Lanisha Sunday

I. Approval of the Minutes:

James Cook made the motion to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes. Stacey Wasson seconded the motion. Motion carried – November minutes were approved as read.

II. Public Comments: None

III. Student Report: provided by email from Laura Detweiler, read by Christine Evangelista.

1. Cases were decorated for December and January.
2. Classroom Rep Meetings were held December 3rd and January 7th.
3. Semester 2 Announcements/Tech/and Snack Cart have been scheduled.
4. December and January Birthdays cards were distributed.
5. December Birthday Grams were distributed and January Birthday Grams will be distributed throughout the month.
6. 6/7/8 ASB classes worked on November and December Publicity: Classroom Rep Meeting, November COTY Class Color Wars, the LTA, Musical Chairs, Rebuilding Our Inclusive Community Together, COTY Ugly Sweater/PJ Day, the Door Decorating Contest, and the Lip Sync Competition
7. The Spark for Love Toy Drive was held 11/15-12/15- toys were picked up and delivered to the fire station. Thank you to the Worthington Family.
8. Manna Food Drive 11/8-11/19- Redwood donated over 800 lbs. of food. Thank you to the Boys and Girls Club for partnering with us.
9. Macy's Make-a- Wish- the ASB classes and 6th Grade Advisory classes with WEB Leaders wrote 853 letters earning \$1800.00 to be donated.
10. Building Our Inclusive Schools Community Week- ASB provided Min-It-To-Win-It games during lunch.
11. December COTY Ugly Sweater/PJ Day was 12/17.
12. Door Decorating Contest/Winter Wonderland was judged 12/17.
13. Lip Sync Competition was held the week of December 13th-17th . Thank you to Ms. Sturges and Mrs. Smith for participating as well.
14. School Tours began in December.

15. Semester 1 COTY Winners (2 classes) were provided a celebratory pizza party last Thursday.
16. 6/7/8 ASB classes are working on January Publicity.
17. 7/8 ASB is planning a Winter Social 2/4: 6th grade 3:30-5:00pm, 7th/8th grades - 5:30-7:00.
18. Upcoming Events:
 - Step It Up Day of Awesomeness 1/21
 - Kobe Bryant Day 1/26
 - COTY: Western Day 1/28
 - LTA: Western Activities 1/28
 - Winter Social 2/4
19. Leadership lessons continue in 6th and 7/8 ASB classes.

IV. New Business: None

- V. Redwood Boys and Girls Club (BGCC):** Update provided by Nicole Judd -
- Leslie Chicas is no longer our Boys and Girls Club Director. Mrs. Judd will reach out to the new director to see if they would like to attend and present at SSC meetings.

VI. Committee Reports:

- a. DAC (District Advisory Council) – report provided by Carrie Halvorsen
 1. The last DAC meeting took place on January 11, 2022. Carrie was unable to attend this month.

- b. GATE DAC (Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council) – report provided by Melissa Crawford
 1. The last Gate DAC meeting took place on January 7, 2022. The following items were discussed -
 2. Kenny Loo, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, gave a presentation on ESSER funding. \$12 million has been allocated to entire school district with \$1.4 million dedicated to school site funds and to be distributed next year and the year after into SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement) funds.
 3. GATE testing – Make up testing and follow-up testing continues for 4th graders and 2020-2021 referrals. GATE referrals are in process of being finished, with letters to be sent end of January to 4th grade students.
 4. Math Pathways – this will be a topic of discussion at the next GATE DAC meeting which will take place on February 4, with a presentation from Brian Mercer.

Post-SSC meeting note: Please refer to Mrs. Judd's DAC Monthly Report email sent on January 26 for a link to the Math Pathways.

- c. ELAC (English Learning Advisory Council) – report provided by Paola Vargas on behalf of Patricia Aguirre
1. The last DELAC meeting took place on November 30, 2021. The following items were discussed -
 2. Ms. Ashmore and Amber Bowman spent some time going over attendance. They shared a website, www.attendanceworks.com for parents to get more info on attendance
 3. Guy Bradbury presented the most recent updates regarding COVID-19 quarantine and isolation protocols, as per Ventura County Department of Public Health (VCPH).
 - o Home tests can now be used for students returning to school after isolation or quarantine after the time period specified by CVUSD with a negative test.
 - o 4 free home tests can be ordered online at www.covidtests.gov
 - o N95 masks are recommended as they are most effective but are not required. More importantly is the need to have the mask fit securely on students.
 4. Enrollment for TK in the 2022-2023 school year will be at every neighborhood school site. Decisions on which school sites will have TK will be made in the Spring and based on enrollment.
- d. SEDAC (Special Education District Advisory Council) – report provided by Rachael Brusseau
1. The last SEDAC meeting took place this morning, November 16, 2021. Key points of discussion and updates were as follows –
 2. Discussion on MTSS – Multi tier system for Special Education Continuum and Connection to LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) and SPSA regarding advocating at SSC meetings on the SPSA.
 3. School Accountability Report Card (SARC) – February 1 is the deadline for posting the SARCs. SARC and SPSAs are being translated and will be uploaded soon.
 4. SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) survey – all parents receiving these services should have received a survey (for March 2020 – Sept 2021 eligible parents). CVUSD recognizes the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on students’ social and emotional needs and are seeking input from parents. Surveys are due January 20.
 5. New COVID-19 isolation guidance for students was received from VCPH; and posted to the CVUSD website on January 10.
 6. New Inclusion Specialist – April Vasquez is our new Inclusion Specialist and will be at school sites this week.
 7. Unified Sports Soccer games will be February 4 at TOHS. TOHS, WHS and NPHS are all participating.
 8. Newly formed committee from SEDAC committee – the new Disability Celebrations committee will be working hard to share updates at the next SEDAC meeting. All the work done by this committee will go to district administration for approval before communication to other schools. This

committee will be responsible for Abilities Awareness next year.

- e. AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – report provided by Niki Wikstrom.
 - 1. The last AADAC meeting took place on Friday December 17, 2021.
 - 2. There is a new bylaw committee and they are in process of rewriting bylaws and trying to find ways to best get information shared.
 - 3. Dr. Sonia Wilson discussed a proposal for site administrators for site BSU's to come together with the goal of getting individual groups off the ground and running.
 - 4. Lisa Miller discussed what was being done to address SEL needs of students and mentioned the Wellness Centers. Niki noted she would like to see the Wellness Centers being more preventative than reactive.
 - 5. CVUSD's self-harm and red alert protocols were also discussed, including how harmful social media is flagged.
 - 6. Kenny Loo discussed putting up posters around school campuses so that students know where to report any harassment. Mrs. Judd confirmed that these posters are up at Redwood - they were put in every teachers' mailbox with reminders for teachers to put them up in every classroom.
 - 7. Niki relayed information back on our BSU status at Redwood and our meetings to prepare for Black History Month in February.
 - 8. Presentation by Dr. Sonia Wilson and Mr. Brian Mercer regarding changes to core curriculum that don't necessarily affect middle school, but changes to core literature curriculum to reflect diversity in our district and the world at large. Five new titles with African American authors or protagonists; two of these feature LGBTQ characters or authors. Anyone can read more about this on the District's website.
 - 9. Chanice noted that our Redwood BSU continues to struggle with getting traction. No students attended the last meeting on Wednesday according to Mr. Zasadil. She is scheduled to meet with Mr. Zasadil to further discuss and hopes to have more encouraging information to share next time.

- f. LGBTQ+ Advisory Council – report provided by Margo Tameris
 - 1. The last LGBTQ+ meeting took place on December 8, 2021.
 - 2. A lot of the discussion was similar to what Niki Wikstrom relayed from the AADAC report, related to what the District is doing for flagging of harmful social media etc., as well as Dr. Kenny Loo speaking about improvements in publicizing how students can report any harassment via putting up posters on school campuses etc.
 - 3. Council bylaws were discussed.
 - 4. Opt-in options for parents receiving LGBTQ+ advisory council email updates were discussed, as well as how to make meeting minutes more interesting further to just posting these.
 - 5. School site plans, safe spaces and allies were also discussed, as well as how to make these more obvious for our students.

6. Core literature options that might be more inclusive of the LGBTQ community were discussed, including different resource books that can be used with younger students. Many suggestions were made.
7. This month or next (February), a gender diversity training is being planned with Mr. Loo and Mrs. Wilson and comprehensive review of CHKS data to see if this is reflective of what was in the survey.

VII. Principal Update:

Nicole Judd shared the following information –

- a. SPSA progress monitoring – SEL Counselor Series
 - o Tracy Sims (formerly Tracy Rosenthal) provided a detailed update – see below.
- b. The School office continues to track and communicate COVID-19 exposures etc. While this has been much of what is being done this month, Mrs. Judd and office staff feel very grateful and blessed to have such amazing teacher leaders on campus. There is no concern at all about the teaching and learning happening in our classrooms while the office staff focus on COVID-related administrative issues. The office is processing anywhere between 7 up to 11 if not more close contacts daily (in January), and is no longer making phone calls but only sending emails. As of January, our District was still doing contact tracing; other districts are no longer doing this.
- c. The District has new guidance regarding use of home COVID-19 tests and will now accept home tests for a negative result to allow return to campus. There is also updated guidance regarding when students can return to campus after having a positive test. This can be accessed via the District website.
- d. Mrs. Judd said that in general our students that have been out sick due to COVID-19 have had a quick turnaround and return to school. She noted that the District's COVID-19 dashboard does not count/reflect positive tests from home-testing kits, whereas Redwood is counting these, hence the numbers do not match. The District only reports positive tests by PCR result.
- e. School tours are starting again. Mrs. Judd does a 30-minute presentation and then ASB students will take visitors on tour of campus.
- f. The next Principal's Coffee is Jan 28th at the Donut Hole. Stacey Wasson will be the guest speaker and will be talking about Math. Mr. Payne was last month's speaker and everyone found it to be a great discussion.

Additional details on SPSA progress monitoring – SEL Counselor Series provided by Tracy Sims –

- Our LCAP Goal 4 is related to support of students' social and emotional learning (SEL) and how this will be measured, e.g. by a 5% increase in participation in school activities etc. We are responsible for tracking our progress towards this goal.
- As an action to achieve this goal, our school counselors are developing a program to help SEL needs of students on campus, by addressing issues that affect our students, e.g. bullying, peer pressure and academic stressors.
- The curriculum will be implemented during Advisory on Wednesdays.

- The SEL Counselor Series will touch on core concepts and have related components. Ms. Sims and Ms. Zasadil meet and plan the incorporation of these into Advisory sessions. As a part of this, 10-15-minute-long videos are presented and are accompanied by an activity that the students do, or even a game to make sure they understand the material. An example of one such video on social media was shared at this SSC meeting.
- Students' participation is measured via a pre-survey via Google Form with questions distributed before the video is shown, and post-survey after the material is presented.
- Past and current/future topics have included –
 - September – Time Management
 - October – Social media
 - November – College preparation
 - December – Motivation
 - January – Conflict resolution and how to handle an argument etc.
 - February – Growth Mindset
 - March – Self-esteem, resiliency and grit
 - April – Stress management and self-care
 - May – Career (potentially will get support from our Counseling intern)
- Lessons are tailored to 6, 7 and 8th graders and not yet differentiated by grade.
- After each week's lesson, the video is posted on the Counseling website so parents can review these.
- Niki asked whether parents can also access old videos. Tracy confirmed that old presentation can also be viewed by going to Canvas and looking under Files.
- Rachael asked whether the surveys are posted to our children's CANVAS SEL cards. Tracy confirmed that they are, but they are not saved. The surveys are also closed because the counselors would like the students to complete these in a finite time frame. Tracy – they are, but not saved. Surveys are closed b/c they want students to complete in a finite time frame. Tracy also relayed that the questions on the surveys are taken directly from the video presentation, and that parents can view the results of their children's' surveys.
- James added his support for this program and that he has found the videos to be professional and really well made. He believes that our students are very engaged this year because they see their counselors discussing issues that are relevant to them.
- Everyone thanked Tracy for her work and Mr. Zasadil's work on this program. Tracy thanked everyone and appreciates all of the feedback that has been received.
- Mrs. Judd noted that all of the video topics came out of a previous Principal's Meet and Greet, so thanks to the parents for all of the suggestions.

VIII. Assistant Principal Update:

Paola Vargas shared the following information -

- a. The grading window for Semester 1 final grades has been extended to February 1 due to the large number of absences that our school and other District schools

are experiencing. This is specifically for students who have been absent so they will have time to get work completed and finish finals, and for teacher to get grades in.

X. Dean of Activities Update:

Dawn Jacobson could not attend, but Mrs. Judd shared the following announcements and updates on her behalf -

- The Day of Awesomeness is on Friday, January 21st. This is for all students that earned rewards for the donations they collected during the Step It Up fundraiser in the Fall.
- Discussions are ongoing with ASB students to finalize what will be done for the 8th grade trip. Magic Mountain has always been the destination for this; however the price has almost doubled. Redwood will try to offset the cost with ASB funds, but waiting to get input from the 8th grade class on what they would like to do.
- Mrs. Detweiler is working with the Social Studies department to help with Black History Month.

XI. Old Business: None

XII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.