

Redwood School Site Council Minutes
September 19, 2023
Redwood Library, 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.

Members present: Dylan McKenna, Roya Klaidman, Heather Dingbaum-Maires, Zachary Snow, Alison Friedman, Lucy Lombardi, David Carranza, Tracy Sims, Kristi Keener, Denise Lucarelli, Dawn Ott, Laura Detweiler, Nancy Joly-Cause, Meghann O’Weger, Linda Figueroa-Bertetti, Meghan Goebel

Absent: Rachael Brusseau, Carrie Halvorsen, Nicole Updegraff

I. Approval of the Minutes

- K. Keener made a motion to approve the August 29, 2023 minutes. M. Goebel seconded the motion. Motion carried – August minutes approved.

II. Public Comments

- No public comments.

III. Student Report – Provided by Alani Gray.

- The Back-to-School Festival was on Friday 9/8. It was well attended and everyone had fun!
- ASB Elections were held on Wednesday, 9/13.
- ASB officers were announced Friday, 9/15:
 - President: Joey Spengler
 - VP: Tristan Bergmann Petersen
 - Secretary: Aveline Lombardi
 - Treasurer: Kennedy Kahn
- National Hispanic Heritage Month is being celebrated 9/15-10/15.

- The first Classroom Representative meeting was held 9/8. The next meeting is scheduled for 10/6.
- The Snack Cart is up and running Mondays and Fridays.
- Game/Ball check outs are available Monday-Friday in the quad.
- The first COTY is Friday 9/29 – Red, White and Blue Day.
- The first LTA is Friday 9/29 – Trivia Pie Suit.
- ASB classes are working on publicity posters for upcoming events
- August and September birthday grams were distributed.

Upcoming:

- Custodial Appreciation Week – 10/2-10/6
- Club Rush – 10/6
- Unity Day – 10/18

IV. Boys and Girls Club Report – Provided by David Carranza.

- The Club has started its enrichment programs that are running for the next eight weeks. See [the flyer](#) for more details about the various programs; there is something fun going on each day. The programs are just for Redwood kids and are included with membership; they are \$100 for non-members.

V. New Business

- No new business.

VI. Committee Reports

- **DAC (District Advisory Council) – Provided by Carrie Halvorsen.**
 - C. Halvorsen is absent; no report.
- **GATE DAC (Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachael Brusseau.**

- R. Brusseau is absent. L. Lombardi read aloud the report provided via email.
 - The first meeting was last week, where members met and introduced themselves. There are many new representatives, and the executive board is growing with new members-at-large.
 - The new member packet and timeline was reviewed and a Q&A session followed. This information will help members be consistent in their reports to the School Site Councils.
 - The district will start GATE activities at the end of the month; families will be notified.
 - There was a discussion about the opt-in process for the school site and how to best make it work based on the site.
- **ELAC (English Learning Advisory Council) – Provided by Linda Figueroa-Bertetti.**
 - There has not been a meeting yet. The first one will take place on September 29th.
- **SEDAC (Special Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachel Brusseau.**
 - R. Brusseau is absent; no report.
- **AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – Provided by Nicole Updegraff.**
 - N. Updegraff is absent; no report. (There has not been a meeting yet.)
- **LGBTQ+ Advisory Council – Provided by Megan Goebel.**
 - No meeting yet, but the council is attending tomorrow's (Wednesday, September 20th) school board meeting; they are looking to ask the board to adopt October as LGBTQ+ history month.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd.

- Thank you to R. Klaidman and everyone else for the great Back-to-School festival! N. Judd liked seeing parents who are

new to Redwood attend the event. Kids and parents from other schools also got to meet and connect in person. It was a very fun event!

- Back-to-school-night parent feedback is welcome. The parents on the SSC offered feedback; there was a discussion about what worked and what might be improved.
- The first *Step It Up!* assembly is next thursday. Every dollar raised is to be put toward fixing the marquee; advertisements for this will go out next week.
 - R. Klaidman asks what the reason parents are given as to why this is important. N. Judd responded that parents have asked for it to be fixed.
 - There was a discussion about if it was possible for parents to give a direct donation instead of going through the fundraising company so that the school would get 100% of funds donated. N. Judd explained that this is an option but it might get tricky with the Day of Awesomeness participation, since a donation through the company is required to participate in that. Because Redwood does not have the manpower to launch an internal fundraising event, *Step It Up!* is the best option for now, but direct donations are always welcome.

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Kristi Keener.

- The teachers spent time looking at data from the 2022/23 school year. Administration asked teachers to look at data sets and see what went well and what needs improvement. K. Keener asked the SSC to do the same; feedback was encouraged and council members were asked to participate in a Google Jamboard. Council members were paired with a Redwood staff member to look at specific data points. There was a discussion after the breakout sessions based on the Jamboard points.

IX. Dean of Student Support Services – Meghann O'Weger.

- M. O'Weger is absent; no report.

X. Old Business

- No old business.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.