

Redwood School Site Council Minutes

October 17, 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, Alison Friedman, Lucy Lombardi, Tracy Sims, Kristi Keener, Denise Lucarelli, Meghann O'Weger, Linda Figueroa-Bertetti, Meghan Goebel, Nicole Updegraff, Carrie Halvorsen, Cesar Villanueva, Laura Detweiler
Absent: Rachael Brusseau, Zachary Snow, , Dawn Ott, Nancy Joly-Cause

I. Approval of the Minutes

- C. Halvorsen made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes. K. Keener seconded the motion. Motion carried – September minutes approved.

II. Public Comments

- No public comments.

III. Student Report – Provided by Maddie Harris.

- National Hispanic Heritage Month continued to be celebrated through October 15th
- A Classroom Rep Meeting was held on 10/3/23
- The Snack Cart continues to be available Mondays and Fridays
- Game/Ball check outs continues to be available Monday-Friday in the quad
- There was good participation in the first COTY: Red, White and Blue Day
- The first LTA Trivia Pie Suit was a fun event. Thank you to Mr. McKenna, Mrs. Dingbaum, Ms. Sturges, Mr. Snow, Mr. K, Mrs. Hooper, and Mr. Cook

- October Birthdays were distributed
- ASB students assisted in planning, setting up, and running Club Rush held Friday on 10/6
- Custodial Appreciation Week was celebrated 10/3 -10/7
- Boo Grams are being sold through 10/27. They will be distributed 10/31.

Upcoming:

- Unity Day will be celebrated tomorrow 10/18; students will be wearing orange to stand against bullying
 - ASB will assist PTSA with Red Ribbon Week by making posters for publicity and doing COTY counts for participation
 - Halloween Door Decorating Contest – time to decorate will be provided 10/24-10/28, and judging will take place on 10/31
 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest – judging will take place on 10/31
 - COTY: Halloween Costume – 10/31
 - LTA: Mystery Box – 10/31
 - Manna Food Drive
 - Spark for Love Toy Drive

IV. Boys and Girls Club Report – Provided by Cesar Villanueva.

- Cesar Villanueva is new to Redwood’s campus but not new to the Boys & Girls Club; he has a long and positive history with the organization. He shared his personal experiences growing up in the Club, and he’s ready to make a difference here at Redwood. Cesar is excited about starting a robotics club, diving into 3D printing with the kids, and pretty much anything related to STEM, as he is very fluent in this endeavor. He is going to launch this new program hopefully by the beginning of next year.
- The Club will be putting on a haunted house; flyers are coming. It will be on the day before and on Halloween. Everyone is more than welcome to participate, free of charge!

- There is no school on November 1st, but the Club is open; the Club will also be open over Winter Break.
- T. Sims noted that there is a strong bond between the Club and Redwood. C. Villanueva said he is excited to partner with the Redwood team and continue this positive partnership.
- D. McKenna mentioned that the robotics club will attract a lot of his students, and he is excited about this possibility.

V. New Business

- No new business.

VI. Committee Reports

- **DAC (District Advisory Council) – Provided by Carrie Halvorsen.**

- Information about school choice was presented; there is a new form being developed, and the committee is working on this for 2024.
- 1,500 students were approved for school choice and moved out of their assigned school; the waitlist cleared. CVUSD lost 100 students to other districts but gained 400-500 to our district.
- Measure I meetings are rotating campuses to highlight different projects. The next one is on October 26th at Thousand Oaks High School at 3:30pm.
- The library continues to offer homework help for middle schoolers. Interested patrons can help plan the future of the library, and submissions can be put online. This planning is for the next thirty years and focuses on what the community wants the library to be.
- Walk & Rolls are happening around the district; the first one is coming up at Banyan and Walnut; one goal is to get kids to use the crossing guards.

- It was mentioned that parents should know that electric motorcycles are not street legal yet; kids should not be using these as a mode of transportation to get to school.
- There was a presentation on grading for mastery. The goal is to raise expectations to mastery, focusing on accurate grading, student persistence, bias resistance, and student motivation in order to create a lifelong learner. This has already begun in TK/K up to 2nd grade, with the idea that grading for mastery will eventually move into the upper grades.

■ **GATE DAC (Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachael Brusseau.**

- R. Brusseau is absent. There has not been a meeting yet; the next meeting is scheduled for early November.

■ **ELAC (English Learning Advisory Council) – Provided by Linda Figueroa-Bertetti.**

- The committee highlighted opportunities for parents and kids in the community:
 - a) For students: The Boys & Girls Club, visit to Cal Lu
 - b) For parents: earning a high school diploma for parents from the institute of Mexico
 - c) K-6: ELO-P
 - d) Grades 4-5: science academy
 - e) For students and parents: English Tutoring in Oak Park every week on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm; there are also English classes available at Acacia and Walnut; there is a free vaccine clinic available

■ **SEDAC (Special Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachel Brusseau.**

- There was a presentation given by Denise Benic (Chair) about SARC, Dashboard, LCAP, and SPSA
- There was a SEDAC orientation presentation given by Erin Bell (Vice Chair)
- There was a discussion of SEDAC priorities, concerns and solutions
- Updates from the Director of Special Ed were given

■ **AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – Provided by Nicole Updegraff.**

- A meeting was held last Wednesday
- There was a presentation about the new elementary curriculum for history and social sciences, which is very comprehensive. The previous curriculum was from 2004, and the new book does a better job including Black contributions throughout history.
- Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education presented what changes will look like for middle and high schoolers; this includes a revised core reading list, improved introductions to characters and books and more, all meant to encourage culturally responsive instruction.
- The council's concerns from last year felt heard, validated and addressed.
- New subcommittees were formed: Black History Month Committee, Onboarding Committee
- The council is trying to find new ways to build community and institute a sense of recognition, something that can be available for all students. For high school seniors, the goal is to have a cash-tied scholarship.

■ **LGBTQ+ Advisory Council – Provided by Megan Goebel.**

- M. Goebel shared with N. Updegraff that this council created an onboarding packet last year that they can share with AADAC.
- Conejo Schools Foundation presented available funding; the council was awarded a \$250 grant last year and are figuring out how to use it; this funding is also available for district teachers.
- The district officially recognized October as LGBTQ+ history month; the council is working with different school sites to promote this.
- There was a review of subcommittees; interested caregivers should contact site representative (M. Goebel) to learn more.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd.

- 6th grade reading intervention has been going well. L. Detweiler shared that some students want to stay in the program longer! The intervention covers reading comprehension, SRA, DOL, Audible, read aloud, etc., but the program also varies depending on the need and time. The first four weeks of the students' electives are available and then they switch to reading intervention, so the kids aren't missing out on electives. The students in this program are chosen as a result of recommendations by teachers and staff, as well as via assessments. N. Judd states that this was a one-time funding and that Redwood will need to provide intervention differently moving forward. L. Detweiler reported that the kids really appreciate the help this intervention is providing.
- Math intervention happens in the morning, which has been going well.
- SPSA update:
 - *Whoo's Reading* funding update – \$500.00 is now free. The funds were used to pay for new Jazz class music

books (Jazz is an 8th period/after school class, two days a week 3:15-5:15).

- Math department update – the new computer pricing for the office manager changed from \$1200.00 to \$1035.00 (money was moved from math laptop purchase to office manager laptop purchase); BOOM cards canceled for math (\$300.00) and moved to offset the increase in Delta Math.
- *Viking Wishes* funding update – Teachers Pay Teachers increased from \$1000.00 to \$2165.00. Money was moved from the laptop and reading intervention resources to TPT.
- Reading intervention update – funding decreased from \$2,500 to \$1,500.00; \$1,000 was moved to *Viking Wishes*.
- Pineapple observations moved down to \$1440.
- There was a discussion about starting a dance PE choice; concerns are regarding the P.E. curriculum, which is very scripted in regards to what skills are being learned at what grade level. N. Judd is interested in exploring the idea, but Redwood needs to make sure standards are being met and mentioned that this could possibly be a grant. The Redwood team will continue to look into it.
- M. Goebel motioned to approve SPSA changes, C. Halvorsen seconded the motion – motion approved

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Kristi Keener.

■ School Site Safety Plan:

- SSC took a look at the essentials of the School Site Safety Plan (SSSP). K. Keener presented several documents within the SSSP Google Drive folder, which is

where the Redwood team and safety personnel can access the information.

- There was a discussion about making sure the Club is included on safety drills and is part of the SSSP.
- There was a discussion about creating a list of Redwood staff who are first aid and CPR certified and including this in the SSSP Google Drive folder.
- M. Goebel motioned to approve the School Site Safety Plan; R. Klaidman seconded the motion – motion approved.

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

- M. O’Weger is absent.

X. Old Business

- C. Halvorsen asked about Measure I; N. Judd says it’s at DSA awaiting approval.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.