

Redwood School Site Council Minutes

February 20, 2024

Redwood Library, 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Members present: Nicole Judd, Dylan McKenna, Megan Goebel, Dawn Ott, Roya Klaidman, Linda Figueroa-Bertetti, Tracy Sims, Kristi Keener, Meghann O'Weger, Alison Friedman, Lucy Lombardi

Absent: Heather Dingbaum-Maires, Denise Lucarelli, Carrie Halvorsen, Laura Detweiler, Zachary Snow, Nancy Joly-Cause, Rachael Brusseau, Nicole Updegraff, Cesar Villanueva

I. Approval of the Minutes

- K. Keener made a motion to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes. D. McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried – January minutes approved.

II. Public Comments

- No public comments

III. Student Report – Provided by Heather Dingbaum

- H. Dingbaum-Maires and ASB representative were absent from the meeting; report read by N. Judd
 - School cases were decorated for the month of February.
 - The Snack Cart continues to be available Mondays and Fridays.
 - Game/Ball Check out continues to be available Monday through Friday, and 6th grade ASBers have begun to work it.
 - COTY - Decades Day was on 1/26; we had a lot of Vikings wearing clothing from their favorite decade.

- LTA - Blast from the Past Song Guess on 1/26 was a success, with most Vikings being able to guess the decades of some classic songs.

- Classroom Rep meeting was held on 2/2 to tell classroom representatives about school events in February.

- COTY on 2/9 was Jersey Day.

- The LTA on 2/9 was Trivia Pie Suit hosted by Redwood's Black Student Union's co-presidents in celebration of Black History Month. A lot of Vikings came out to play and pie a staff member in the face.

- Kindness Grams are being sold until 2/23 and will be distributed to students during their 4th period classes in honor of Pink Shirt Day on 2/28.

- February Birthdays cards were distributed.

- Publicity for March COTYs and LTAs has begun.

Upcoming:

- Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 2/28.

- COTY - Monochromatic Day is on 2/23.

- LTA - Hungry Hippos is on 2/23.

- Classroom Rep meeting will be held on 3/1 for March activities.

- Movement of LTAs, ball cart, and snack cart will begin tomorrow.

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

- No report; C. Villanueva absent

V. New Business

- No new business

VI. Committee Reports

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

- C. Halvorsen absent from meeting; report read by L. Lombardi
- **State Legislature Update** - AB2074 - English Learner Road Map, policy to create consistent statewide rules
- **State Legislature** is proposing new graduation requirements that include computer science education and personal finance literacy
- **Wellness Committee** is looking for more members; the next meeting is on 2/28 at 3:30 in the District office, where the committee will be trying to address the many issues with food waste, compostables, too much plastic, etc. Come join and help find solutions!
- **Conejo Schools Foundation** - Play it Forward is hosting a musical instruments and parts drive. The Foundation will cover the costs of small repairs and refurbishments and is also accepting donations towards these costs; on 3/4-3/22.
- **Measure I** - The remaining bonds were sold with great success and will cover the cost of the remaining proposed projects. The final projects include cameras on school grounds that will watch the perimeter of the properties.
- **Technology** orders are due 3/1/2024 for the \$100 per student fundings.
- **Counselor and Mental Health** - Clinicians are available not just by referral but can be requested by students and parents. Also, the We Tip hotline can also be used to share student safety issues and self harm.
- **Ventura County Office Education** is seeking judges for the Science and Engineering Fair. Teachers and also professionals in the fields of math and science are welcome; duties on 3/13 include a 1-hour recorded video

to watch, on 3/22 from 8-12:30 at VCOE in Camarillo for judging; judges will be provided 2 meals.

- Sequoia rep & Colina rep brought to the DAC committee a request from their school sites to address the **dress code** again and involve the teachers and admin in future decisions. Redwood rep confirmed the need at our school site as well. DAC chair acknowledged after some discussion that it will be brought up at a future DAC meeting for further discussion.
- **CVUSD annual survey** is out. It goes to primary contact in Q; please remind families to complete this.
- On 3/12 at 10am a Super DAC meeting regarding student performance data will be held.
- **Crossing Guard counting** will be conducted on Tuesdays-Thursdays in March; which week our school site is assigned is unknown.

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

- R. Brusseau absent from meeting; report read by N. Judd
- The California School Dashboard is a major component of our state's accountability system, and it provides parents and educators with meaningful information on school and district progress so they can participate in decisions to improve student learning. It provides data on more than just test scores alone to allow for a complete picture of how schools and districts are meeting the needs of all students. You can find the dashboard at www.caschooldashboard.org or by downloading the App on your smartphone.
- The Conejo Schools Foundation is hosting a "State of the School" Address from Dr. Mark McLaughlin at CLU on

Thursday, April 11, 2024. Please click [HERE](#) for more information or to purchase tickets for this event.

- Mrs. Tasha Beaudoin gave a presentation on The Center at Thousand Oaks High School. They will be hosting a Zoom information session for freshmen and sophomore families on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm. Please visit <https://www.tohsthecenter.org/> for more information and to register.
- Dr. Dena Sellers, Director of Elementary Education, gave a presentation on the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) process and the role our GATE parent representatives play in the development of that plan at their school sites. The presentation slides are attached to this email.
- The Thousand Oaks Library has monthly programs and services for all ages, including homework help, make and take events, dog days, and more! Subscribe to [The Oakleaf](#), the library's monthly newsletter, to stay up-to-date on what's new at our libraries.
- The Ventura County Science Fair for 6th-12th grade students, hosted by the Ventura County Office of Education, is still accepting registrations until Friday, February 9th. Visit their website [HERE](#) for details and additional deadline information.
- The California Association for the Gifted (CAG) is hosting their 62nd Annual Family Conference from 9:00am to 2:00pm on February 25th. This virtual event focuses on enhancing family effectiveness in supporting their advanced, gifted, twice exceptional (2E), and multilingual child, including their intellectual, academic, and social/emotional needs. To register, please visit www.CAGifted.org/Events

- February District GATE Activities include:
 - a) Middle School GATE students were invited to an interactive afternoon with AP science exploration hosted by high school students at The Center in Thousand Oaks High School being held on Wednesday, February 7th. Information was emailed to 6th - 8th grade GATE families to complete the lottery/interest form. (Limit 42 students)
 - b) Elementary GATE students are invited to an interactive afternoon with hands-on science rotations on Thursday, February 22nd. Information will be emailed to 3rd - 5th grade GATE families to complete the lottery/interest form for possible participation one week prior to the activity.
- Elections for all GATE DAC Executive Board positions will be held at the May 3rd meeting. Anyone interested in being considered for one of these positions should email the Nomination Committee Chair, Rachael Brusseau, at rachael@brusseau.org for more information or to announce their intention to be considered.

■ **DELAC (District English Learning Advisory Council) –
Provided by Linda Figueroa-Bertetti**

- Topics discussed at last meeting included:
 - a) School Reports (Statues)
 - b) LPAC Budget and Community Report (English Test Preparation and Practice)
 - c) DAC (District Advisory Committee) Report
 - d) COC (Community Assistance Committee) Report
- Practice exams are being taken to prepare for upcoming LPAC Exam in February

- There was a discussion about the district's goals and priorities, special education, the reference process, support services
- There was a presentation and a follow-up discussion on county-employed experts, including the following areas: orientation, mobilization, occupational therapy, language therapy.
- There was a presentation and a follow-up discussion on the Master Plan for Multilingual Learning that covered the following: the purpose of the multilingual plan, unify the Conejo Valley School District, Spanish/English translation, drafting, and developing a continuous plan.
- There was a presentation and a follow-up discussion on monitoring and reclassification and LPAC assessment areas. All schools can complete a training and practice exam at www.LPAC.org.

■ **SEDAC (Special Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachel Brusseau; read by Megan OW**

- There was a [SELPA presentation](#); the link includes additional resources
 - a) <https://padlet.com/VCSELPA/pd-flyers-2023-2024-p5nw4jcxilyuliru>
 - b) <https://www.vcselpa.org/For-Families/Welcome-Families>
- Unified Basketball date changes- the games are now scheduled for:
 - a) Friday, March 1, 2024 at 10am: Westlake High School Vs Newbury Park High School (at NPHS)

- b) Friday, March 28, 2024 at 10:40am: Newbury Park High School Vs Thousand Oaks High School (at TOHS)
- c) Friday, March 22, 2024 at 10:25am: Thousand Oaks High School Vs Westlake High School (at WHS)
- Extended School Year (ESY) scheduled to be at Glenwood (preschool through grade 5), Sequoia (6 - 8), and Thousand Oaks High School (9 through post-secondary) from July 2nd - July 31st (pending board approval). July 4th and 5th are holidays/no school.
- Announcement: There is a new Teacher on Special Assignment for Inclusion, Sara Cummings.
- [Disability Celebrations Toolkit](#) - Resource for Disability History Month in March

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

- No report; N. Updegraff absent

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

- There was a presentation about behavioral health services and support at all grade levels; caregivers can request services in addition to being referred. We Tip was also reviewed and discussed.
- There were breakout sessions to brainstorm ways to recognize LGBTQ+ History Month
- Elementary schools shared ways to celebrate and recognize on their campuses
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, from 8:30-11:30am at University.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd

- An update on the construction progress was given:
 - Lunch area will be moved; the parent and student body has been informed. The first steps are happening, but there will still be plenty of space for kids to eat and gather. Overall, kids should not be too affected; there is still a regular flow of traffic, access to lockers, etc.
 - Construction starts with the pavilion then moves on to the science/music rooms, with the goal of being completed by the end of next school year. The science team is moving completely out of their spaces to make way for the construction work.

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Kristi Keener

- Staff is working on a plan for next year's classes
- CAASP testing will take place May 14-15, with the possible addition of the 16th. It will include a day each for ELA and Math, and 8th grade science will happen the following week. Field Day will follow testing for participating students.
- Administration and the counseling team will again go into classrooms and encourage kids to participate, learn about their own scores, and to understand how to interpret their scores.

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

- For Disability History Month, [Sparkles](#) is coming to perform during lunch; recess activities will also be available.

X. Old Business

- No old business.

XI. Miscellaneous

- T. Simms is excited about a March 20th Career Expo she is putting together for the students. This event will bring in

professionals from the outside world to meet with the students, and it will take place from 9am-3:10pm. Interested presenters should contact her at tsimms@conejousd.org.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.