

Redwood School Site Council Minutes

May 16, 2023

Redwood Library, 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm.

Members present: Paola Vargas, Dennis Carter, Dylan McKenna, Zachary Snow, Kaitlyn Wilkens, Roya Klaidman, Christine Evangelista, Chakameh Azimpour, Lucy Lombardi, Megan Goebel, Nicole Judd, Carrie Halvorsen, Heather Dingbaum, Alision Friedman, William Zasadil

Absent: Rachael Brusseau, Melissa Crawford, Lori Hunnicutt, Rafael Rico, Sophia Reichert, Eulalia Soriano, Stacey Wasson

I. Approval of the Minutes

- M. Goebel made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes. C. Halvorsen seconded the motion. Motion carried – March minutes approved.

II. Public Comments

- N. Judd would like to congratulate Paola Vargas for her new position as principal of Weathersfield Elementary School. P. Vargas notes that she's loved and learned and grown here at Redwood and is passing along torch to D. Carter.
- No other public comments.

III. Student Report – Provided by Sawyer Grosfeld.

- The Snack Cart continues to be available Mondays and Fridays.
- Game/Ball check out continues to be available Monday through Friday in the quad
- The March Madness lunch tournament was a blast! We had a crowd for the final game on the basketball courts. Thanks to our referees, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Fick, who made the tournament possible.

- Spring Social was a hit – we had a lot of students of all grades attend.
- 3/24 was a COTY Disney Day, and students dressed in their favorite Disney attire.
- Guess that Movie LTA was held on Friday 3/24; using emojis, students had to guess the Disney movie.
- Classroom rep meetings were held on 4/21 and 5/5 to tell classroom representatives about school events in April, May, and June.
- COTY Tie Dye Day on 4/28
- LTA Donut Disaster activity was held on 4/28 at lunch; many Redwood students were in attendance and participated in the donut-eating contest.
- During the week of 5/8-5/12, Redwood teachers were celebrated for Teacher Appreciation Week with the help of PTSA and students.
- May Birthday cards were distributed.
- Publicity for May and June COTYs and LTAs has continued.
- Planning for 8th grade Promotion Dance has begun, and tickets are being printed this week to distribute to 8th grade students.

Upcoming:

- COTY – 5/26 is Hawaiian Day; this is the last COTY of the year
- LTA – Limbo contest on 5/26 at lunch for the last LTA
- Friday 5/26 will be a reward field day in the afternoon for working well during CAASPP testing
- During the week of June 5th, the Semester 2 COTY winner will have a pizza party in their 4th period class.
- Promotion Dance will be held at the Teen Center on June 9th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

IV. Boys and Girls Club Report – Provided by Rafael Rico.

- Rafael Rico was unable to attend the SSC meeting. No report.

V. New Business

- N. Judd notes that the committee constitution says a person can serve up to three years as a representative.
 - DAC representative is C. Halvorsen (third year) needs an alternate. R. Klaidman volunteered for this alternate position; N. Judd will follow up.
 - LGBTQ+ representative is M. Goebel (second year)
 - AADAC needs a new representative
 - DELAC – N. Judd will check in with E. Soriano (first year) about next year
 - GATE DAC representative is M. Crawford (third year)
 - SECAC representative is R. Brusseau (second year)
 - N. Judd will post the various representative openings
 - School Site Council: C. Evangelista, President, will need a replacement (served for two years); R. Klaidman, Vice President (third year); L. Lombardi, Secretary (second year); teacher representatives must apply each year; school counselor representatives rotate each year
 - There was a discussion regarding representatives providing updates and key takeaways via email in case they cannot make the SSC meeting to report in person

VI. Committee Reports

- **DAC (District Advisory Council) – Provided by Carrie Halvorsen.**
 - [Conejo Schools Foundation](#) says there are still more summer program slots for rising eighth graders
 - Measure I annual report is about to be released
 - There is a Summer Reading Club and a Writing Club at the Thousand Oaks Library; see [Teens & Tweens site](#)
 - Special Olympics for track and field will take place on May 20th

- Tim Hagel, former Chief of Police, gave a presentation on safe passages and provided other updates. There are currently 30 middle school students district-wide being monitored for potential gang activity. There was a follow-up discussion regarding the success of getting kids off that path, but T. Hagel said the odds are not good. Kids are marked as early as third grade; interventions begin immediately.
- There was an amazing student performance by the Redwood band; they played the Star Wars songs from their Disneyland trip. Many attendees were impressed!

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

- A meeting was held on May 5, 2023.
- GATE screening – Rising 3rd graders are currently being screened and will wrap up by the end of the school year. Notification letters will be sent via US mail in June.
- Course Pathways: Shauna Ashmore, Director of Student Support Services, gave a brief overview of the Course Pathways, which can be found at this [link](#).
- 2022-2023 Takeaways & 2023-2024 Endeavors - GATE-DAC reps broke into groups to reflect on the past year and the upcoming year. The transition of GATE screening to include rising 3rd graders was a key achievement for GATE. This transition allows for early identification and more equity. Endeavors for the upcoming school year include pushing for more differentiation into the classroom, consistency across school sites, and access to higher lexile-level books in both the curriculum and the school site libraries for younger students.
- The next meeting will be held in the fall of 2023.

■ **DELAC (District English Learning Advisory Council) – Provided by N. Judd.**

- The last meeting was held mid-April.
- There was a discussion about reclassified students.
- There was a discussion with parents about testing and other upcoming items. Parents were asked about how

else we can support the ELL students. Parents noted that they are really pleased with the progress their students are making.

- The next Redwood-specific meeting is on June 6th.

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

- Link to Meeting Google Slide
 - a) [May 2023 SEDAC Meeting Slides](#)
- Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Executive Board elected during the May General Meeting
 - a) Chair- Denise Benic
 - b) Vice Chair- Erin Bell
 - c) Secretary- Mandy Pollak
 - d) Parliamentarian- Rachael Brusseau
 - e) Members at Large- Alices Chou, Jenny Crosby, Andrea Goetz, LeeAnn Holland, Andrea Mettel and Martina Ziegenfuss
- SEDAC General Meeting Dates for 2023-2024
 - a) [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/CRHSD3720DF7/\\$file/SEDAC%20Calendar%2023-2024.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/CRHSD3720DF7/$file/SEDAC%20Calendar%2023-2024.pdf)
- Disability Celebrations Committee
 - a) The committee is continuing to work on the Toolkit to make it more user friendly as well as adding more resources for events and celebrations
 - b) The committee has requested that Disability History Month be recognized by CVUSD during the month of March
- Presentation by Director of Special Education, Dawn Thomas
 - a) Increasing Inclusion Opportunities Across CVUSD
 - b) Please see above link to view the presentation
- The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 9:15-11:30 AM at University (2801 Atlas Ave.).

- **AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – Provided by Lori Hunnicutt.**
 - L. Hunnicutt was unable to attend the meeting. No report.
- **LGBTQ+ Advisory Council – Provided by Megan Goebel.**
 - There was no April meeting. The last meeting of the year is next week, and the committee will be appointing new members of the board and continuing to review the CA survey.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd.

- There was a small group breakout session in which SSC members examined current and proposed school goals in order to provide feedback. Small group notes were given to N. Judd for review.

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Paola Vargas.

- No new updates; there is a continued focus on SPSA and end-of-year activities.

IX. Dean of Student Support Services – Dennis Carter.

- No new updates; there is a continued focus on SPSA and end-of-year activities.

X. Old Business

- No old business.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.