

Redwood School Site Council Minutes

March 21, 2023

Redwood Library, 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 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, Stacey Wasson; Carrie Halvorsen, Heather Dingbaum, Rafael Rico, Alision Friedman; 3:39 arrival: William Zasadil

Absent: Rachael Brusseau, Eulalia Soriano, Sophia Reichert, Melissa Crawford, Lori Hunnicutt

I. Approval of the Minutes

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

II. Public Comments

- No public comments.

III. Student Report – Provided by Shay Gallardo.

- The Snack Cart continues to be available Mondays and Fridays
- Game/Ball Check out continues to be available Monday through Friday in the quad
- On Wednesday 2/22, Redwood celebrated Pink Shirt Day and students received Kindness Grams during 4th period
- COTY - Dress like an Ad(d)am(s) Day happened on Friday 2/24
- LTA - Hungry Hippos was held on Thursday 3/16 due to rain on 2/24
- Classroom rep meeting was held on 3/3 to tell classroom representatives about school events in March
- During the week of 3/6-3/10, Redwood cafeteria workers were celebrated and thanked for all they do for Redwood
- March and April birthdays cards were distributed

- Publicity for March COTYs and LTAs has continued
- Planning for the March Madness lunch tournament and the Spring Social have been in full swing for the 7/8 grade ASB class

Upcoming:

- COTY - Friday 3/24 is Disney Day
- LTA - Friday 3/24 is Guess that Movie; using emojis and songs, students will have to guess the Disney movie
- On Friday 3/24, ASB will be hosting the Spring Social in Redwood's Quad. This will be an event for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.
- Spring Social Presale Tickets will go on sale tomorrow at lunch for \$3
- During the week of 3/27, Redwood's March Madness will take place during lunch, with our referees being Mr. Benton, Mr. Fick, and Mr. Murphy.

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

- Spring enrichment is starting next week and there is something new every day. Monday will highlight ceramic arts, Tuesday will be DIY crafts, Wednesday will be healthy habits, Thursday is Leadership Club, and Friday will feature multicultural cooking. On the third Tuesday of every month, there are food donations for free for anyone to take, located in front of the Club. Shout out to Gwen Hunnicutt, who is nominated for 2023 Youth of the Year!
- D. Carter noted that the kids were really excited about the Club's basketball tournament.

V. New Business

- Measure I update provided by Tim McCabe, Director of Planning and Construction for CVUSD. T. McCabe has worked on Measure I since its inception and has also worked on many Measure I projects on many CVUSD campuses. He is currently in design with the DSA (Division of State Architect, which regulates architecture for K-12 schools in California) and is reviewing plans. There is no exact date yet for stamp out/approval to begin the bidding process. Funding is

available but he is strategizing how to meet and not exceed 4.2M budget, which ultimately means cuts.

- Redwood is getting a new science lab with new plumbing and cabinetry. The school is also extending the MPR by creating an outdoor-indoor space with lighting and proper technology to support presentations and assemblies. This will be an exciting multi-use assembly area. Modernization projects completed to date include new STEAM building, locker room renovations, new technology and HVAC upgrades. There will also be camera updates, and the music room will be soundproofed so that the students in the nextdoor science lecture rooms can retain their focus
- N. Judd comments that with these updates to funding spending, all of our kids could experience Measure I updates instead of just a select group during a select year. Everyone will get to use the updated MPR, for example.
- The upcoming upgrades will hopefully start sometime around Halloween, but we will see some setting-up activity before that.
- K. Wilkens asked how the Tesla battery experiment is going and what that process is looking like. Solar energy is not financially sustainable, so moving toward using the Tesla battery would allow the school to combat the energy spikes, especially during the windy season and drop off. The district gets charged extra for these high-use times, so finding an energy solution could translate to district-wide savings of 1M.
- Tim McCabe's presentation can be reviewed [here](#).

VI. Committee Reports

- **DAC (District Advisory Council) – Provided by Carrie Halvorsen.**
 - Anyone under 18 can use any Ventura county public transportation for free! Click [here](#) for more information on this program.
 - School choice lottery was held and notifications are coming out soon.
 - Summer Boost Camp is coming, which is summer school for rising students

- Cyber High is a self-paced study for high school credit recovery; summer school is Learn4Life, which is a free summer school that can be done online, and students can complete the health class through this. Click [here](#) for more information on these programs.
- There was a presentation on CAASPP achievement in the district. The district has a goal to encourage and increase participation. This testing can be problematic for AP students because it has similar timing. The state is finding ways to penalize schools, however, so the district needs participation from as many students as possible. The penalty translates to non-participating students receiving a 10% score, which reflects poorly on the district. Students who are most disadvantaged are struggling the most, and [McKinney-Vento](#) students have increased, all of which has affected participation, scores, and outcomes.
- C. Halvorsen shared the success story of Redwood's Guided Studies program at the DAC meeting and asked for funding to continue this program.

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

- There was a GATE DAC meeting on March 3.
- GATE screening – Make-up screenings and follow-up screenings for 3rd graders and 2022-2023 referrals have been completed. Notification letters will be by the end of this week via US mail.
- Screening for rising 3rd graders will begin on April 19th. The intent is for notification letters to be mailed by June.
- Anti-Bias Grant Education Program – Dr. Dwight Rogers, Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, presented on the \$200,000 anti-bias education grant that was awarded to CVUSD. Our school district was one of only 75 school districts in the state to receive the grant and out of that group only 36 received the maximum amount of \$200,000. This grant will be used for training with workshops through the Anti-Defamation League and to utilize an outside agency, Epoch Education, to engage a deeper level of training.

- After the presentation, GATE-DAC reps broke into groups to discuss how DEI impacts GATE students and how GATE-DAC reps can impact DEI. The key takeaway from these groups was going back to School Site Council meetings and ensuring that DEI is part of the school planning process.
- The next GATE DAC Meeting will take place on Friday, May 5, 2023.

■ **DELAC (District English Learning Advisory Council) – Provided by E. Soriano.**

- E. Soriano was unable to attend the SSC meeting. No update.

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

- Link to Meeting Google Slide
 - a) [SEDAC March 2023 Meeting](#)
- Executive Board Elections in May
 - a) Elections for the 2023-2024 school year will take place during our May meeting.
 - b) If you are interested in holding a position or you would like to nominate another representative for a position, please fill out the Google Form below by April 6, 2023.
 - c) https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf0B0R4ajDC2R9-7mpTLFW2ISKao-FvNln5jNNjkeptaQGg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- SELPA Presentation
 - a) Thank you, Jeanine Murphy, Asst Director of Family and School Collaboration from Ventura County SELPA for her presentation on Meaningful Participation and the IEP Process. Please follow the link below to view the presentation. The last page of the presentation has links to several important resources for parents/guardians.

- b) [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/CPWTEG770192/\\$file/Meaningful%20Participation%20and%20the%20IEP%20Meeting-For%20Parents.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/conejo/Board.nsf/files/CPWTEG770192/$file/Meaningful%20Participation%20and%20the%20IEP%20Meeting-For%20Parents.pdf)
 - Special Olympics School Games
 - a) Saturday May 20th at Newbury Park HS (Football Stadium)
 - b) 9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Check in starts at 8:00 am)
 - c) Open to athletes aged 5-22 years old
 - d) To register athletes - <https://forms.gle/p9H5cme1gsNBSBDGA>
 - e) To register as volunteers - <https://forms.gle/CytS2jMKdi6oGknz7>
 - Unified Sports Soccer Game
 - a) SAVE THE DATE! The next Unified Event will be at Newbury Park HS in the Football Stadium on Tuesday April 25th at 10:00 am. Teams from TOHS, WHS and NPHS will compete in a soccer tournament. Come support the athletes and partners!
 - Special Education Directors Report
 - a) Please follow the link below for all the updates (and incredible Bitmojis!) from Ms. Dawn Thomas and Dr. Erin Roderick
 - b) [SEDAC Updates 3 15 23 \(1\).pdf](#)
 - The next SEDAC General Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from 9:15 am to 11:30 am at University (2801 Atlas Ave). If you would like, please bring food to share. Let's celebrate!
- **AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – Provided by Lori Hunnicutt.**
- L. Hunnicutt was unable to attend the meeting. No update.

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

- At the previous meeting, there was the final approval of the bylaws. There was also a conversation about updating the books in elementary libraries, and the Council is contacting librarians and asking them to go through their books and contribute to a district-wide list of inclusive literature at the various school sites. Council is considering how to get student voices in the advisory committees for this project. There were follow-up grade-span breakout sessions regarding inclusive literature.
- There are [parent resources](#) on the CVUSD website.
- The council reviewed CA law as it relates to transgender students, specifically the FAQ about AB1266.
- The next meeting will be held tomorrow at 9:30 am at University.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd.

- A SPSA planning day is coming up!
 - N. Judd gave an April or May time frame. This is an opportunity to engage in a process to review and update Redwood's SPSA and write our actions for next year. This will take place on a teacher release day.

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Paola Vargas.

- CAASPP schedule
 - All students will take the CAASPP test in English and Math, and 8th graders also take CAST. All three tests are under the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Testing will take place over the course of 5 days (2 days for English, 1 day for Math and 2 days for science).
 - English and Math testing will take place on May 16, 17 and 18 in Period 1. Students will stay with their Period 1 teachers until lunch to complete testing.
 - Administration hopes students will take testing more seriously and focus on doing their best by shortening the amount of testing days. Teachers have also been asked

to refrain from large assignments, tests, and homework during “testing week” so students can commit to focus on state testing only.

- On the 3 days when students stay with Period 1 teachers for testing, the last 2 periods of the day will rotate as follows:
 - Tuesday May 16 – Periods 1 and 2
 - Wednesday May 17 – Periods 3 and 4
 - Thursday May 18 – Periods 5 and 6
- Students will get a sticker each day of Math and English testing for working hard and displaying an attempt to do well on the test. Students who earn all 3 three stickers will earn Reward Day on May 26 on behalf of the administration, ASB and PTSA.
- CAST (science test) is for 8th graders only and students will test in their Science class on May 23 and 24.
- Mrs. Vargas will conduct make-up testing on May 19 and May 22-25.
- Reward day will begin at the regularly scheduled lunch time (12:50) and run through the end of the day (3:10). The details for Reward Day are still being worked on but as of now, ideas include: a district-sponsored BBQ and/or pizza, ice-cream. Cotton candy, ASB sponsored games, gaga pit from Boys and Girls Club, music and a raffle. PTSA is helping with finding prizes for the raffle but ideas include - tickets to Magic Mountain, Golf ‘n’ Stuff, bowling, Dodger tickets, and various food certificates.
- Any suggestions or ideas can be sent to Mrs. Vargas pvargas@conejousd.org

IX. Dean of Student Support Services – Dennis Carter.

- D. Carter and H. Dingbaum are working together to create a fun Fifth Grade Visit Day that will include prizes and swag, in addition to a tour of the school, band, string, and choir presentations, and team building activities. This will take place

on March 29th.

X. Old Business

- No old business.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.