



Redwood Site Council

10/25/06
3:30 PM
Room 120

Meeting called to order at 3:33 pm

Members Present: Louise Aliano, Nancy Neu, Stephannie Haver, Chris Gilmore, Tami Wall, Mimi Bennett, Katie Stein, Pat Ravasio, Sue Pearlstein, Lauren Creath, Morgan Gooding, Spencer Shubert and Erik Berkowitz. Minutes taken by Desiree Weiss and Mimi Bennett.

Members Absent: Deep Bedi, Nancy Neu, Robert Winkler

Agenda Item – Approve minutes of 10/11/06 meeting

- Louise motioned that the 10/11/06 minutes be approved with two changes and Chris second the motion.

Agenda Item – Update from Erik Berkowitz: Link Crew

- ◆ Erik explained Link Crew and how it has changed since it's inception. In the beginning, there was events held through out the school year to help keep the students connected. It became apparent that if the students didn't get together through out the year they didn't remain connected. This year there are three teachers working the Link Crew. Tom Sivertsen trained and is helping. He did not receive a stipend, he is doing it to get up to speed on the program. The Parent Support Fund was presented with a request for funding for the Link Crew program. The results of that request are not known at this time. Nancy Neu has approved some funds for a few events already planned. At the last lunch up to 350 students came. There was a film night, that wasn't very successful. Events held on week nights tend to not have big turn outs. The next event is a lunch. Before the end of the semester, before finals, there will be study sessions. One ideas was to have more lunch events with just the Link Leaders, and to train them how to stay connected to their team. Link Crew leaders will be keeping track of how many students attend each event. \$650 was spent on the first lunch event, and \$300 was spent on the movie night. Link Crew Leaders are looking at ways to keep the cost of events down. They have a budget of \$7000-\$8000 to plan events and for training.
- ◆ Chris stated that Friday is a big test day so that Thursday night may not be a good idea. Friday night might be a better idea. Freshman students don't drive or really go out, so a school activity might be a good idea.
- ◆ Erik said that maybe a day on the field would be a better idea than a movie night, as movies don't build community.
- ◆ Katie suggested that separate events for the older students is a good idea, as older students don't want to hang out with the under classmen.
- ◆ Pat said that transplant students need extra attention, maybe more so than the freshmen.
- ◆ Kristina asked if it was possible that other staff could receive participation points for working these events.
- ◆ Erik said he will ask LaSandra about it.
- ◆ Kristina asked if the Link Crew students might be able to help enroll students.
- ◆ Erik said that a few students volunteered to show new students around.
- ◆ Kristina said she will look into it.

Agenda Item –Healthy Kids Survey

- ◆ Louise stated that maybe the students need more choice and, accountability in ways kids respect broader umbrella of help.
- ◆ Everyone was asked to review the Healthy Kids Survey.
- ◆ Everyone broke into groups of three and presented with three questions: 1) Looking at this data, what doesn't surprise you? 2) What questions do you have? 3) If there's an area for further research, what would it be?
- ◆ Group #1 – Increase in scores, find a reason for trends. Interesting activities, do things that make a difference.
Group #2 – Low score for meaningful participation by 9th graders in school activities, maybe because of lack of knowledge of events. It was suggested that the TWIG be read consistently and perhaps marked by grade level so that the teachers be aware of what is relevant to the grade that they are teaching. Also having new items at the top would be beneficial.
- Middle schools: Maybe a more in depth orientation at the middle school by sending RHS students to middle schools to talk to them about clubs and teams etc. This would be in addition to the what the counseling staff provides and would be focused on extra curricular activities.
- Group #3 – Meaningful participation by JRs is high

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.