



# Redwood Site Council

1/24/07  
3:30 PM  
Room 120

*Meeting called to order at 3:34 pm*

Members Present: Louise Aliano, Nancy Neu, Chris Gilmore, Tami Wall, Robert Winkler, Stephannie Haver, Mimi Bennett, Katie Stein, Sue Pearlstein, Bill Sibberns, Pat Ravasio, Deep Bedi, Lauren Creath and Spencer Shubert. Minutes taken by Mimi Bennett and Desiree Weiss.

Members Absent: Morgan Gooding

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## ***Agenda Item – Approve minutes from 11/29/06 meeting***

- Tami motioned that the minutes from 11/29/06 be approved and Chris second the motion.

## ***Agenda Item –Healthy Kids Survey: a second look?***

- Louise passed out section 5, “Violence and Safety” from the Healthy Kids Survey. Everyone broke into groups to discuss the survey, its results and how safety funds might be spent.
- Group 3-Theft was the biggest stand out. Lockers in the gym seem to an issue. The numbers on gangs and weapons were questioned. Lockers are too small to fit backpacks. Using mirrors has helped. Students might reconsider bringing expensive items to school.
- Group 2-There are “other” reasons for harassment. Economic harassment, what you do, what you wear, who you hang out with. The harassment is more subtle and emotional, stuff you don’t see with long lasting effects. Many variables on the definitions or interpretations of harassment.
- Group 1-Harrasment=teasing. What’s the difference? Any harassment, the numbers are large. Try to figure out how to integrate it with 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition. Discussing student citizenship might help.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys do not feel safe in school, 13% currently involved with gangs. These stats were questioned.
- Possible Safety Action Plan: Challenge Day, may or may not be such a good idea as students may feel too vulnerable when they are out of a controlled environment. They might tend to go back to how it was and regret sharings.
- Alcohol/drug training. Talk with Peer Resource about Red Ribbon Week. Consulting fees, guest speakers or perhaps a Phoenix type program, peers with addictions, helping peers.
- Link Crew-separate freshmen and transfer groups.
- Staff/student training-sexual orientation, people with experiences (AA, smokers, etc.) has more impact.
- Alternative to suspension program. Students are still suspended, but they do volunteer or social work.
- RHS needs to do a better job of promoting resources.
- Perhaps a regular spot in the Bark.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

