



Redwood Site Council

September 24, 2008

3:30 PM

Room 120

Meeting called to order at 3:31 pm

Members Present: Nancy Neu, Louise Aliano, Brian Durwood, Bill Sibberns, Michele Hayden, Karen Murk, Tom Sivertsen, Dave Nash, Robin Laharogue, Kristina Brown, Spencer Shubert, Azita Sayadi and Dustin Shubert
Members Absent: Desiree Romiti-Weiss, Barry Blue and Ashley Brady.

Agenda Items:

Introductions: Members introduced themselves:

Present: Spencer Shubert, Senior Representative, Azita Sayadi, Junior Representative, Dustin Shubert, Freshman Representative. Teacher Representatives: Karen Murk, Tom Sivertsen, David Nash, Robin Lahargoue, Kristina Brown. Parent Representatives: Brian Durwood, Bill Sibberns, Michele Hayden

Administrators: Nancy Neu and Louise Aliano

Not Present: Desiree Weiss, Classified Representative, Barry Blue, Parent Representative and Ashley Brady, Sophomore Representative

Review of Opening Day & Support for Transition Students

We reviewed opening day schedules, hand-outs to teachers, transition pamphlet for seniors, juniors and sophomores new to the school, and the luncheons provided for transition students.

Preliminary investigations about the opening day are in process; for example, 169 students responded to a survey about the opening day schedule. 80% said "yes" when asked if the schedule was helpful.

We need to look at all of the student's responses and survey teachers as well as parents to fine-tune the opening day schedule.

Volunteers: Karen Murk and Louise Aliano will work on this project.

Proposal for Support of English Language Learners

Last year it came to our attention that it is sometimes difficult to transition to Redwood High School due to language skills. This year, we would like to create a program that would support ELD students to become more involved with school.

Kristina Brown, Tom Sivertsen and Robin Lahargoue have volunteered to meet with Deb McCrea and Randel Kelly to collect their ideas.

Update on Binge Drinking Grant

Provided background information on this grant:

Information about student's alcohol use came from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) The goal of the grant is to reduce binge drinking among 9th and 11th graders by 30% Students and parents will identify and engage in at least one community-based project annually to address binge drinking.

Brian Durwood explained his idea for a film/video competition (community-based project).

- Four or groups of five students would compete in a video production that would address the talking points in an anti-binge drinking video.
- Students would work with professionals (writers, directors, comedians, film/video editors)
- After students complete their videos they would be posted on Youtube and the number of people who visited their site would determine the winner.

Volunteers to work on meeting with teachers, talking with Gary Najarian are David Nash, Robin Lahargoue, Spencer Shubert and Louise Aliano

Review of Three Year Plan:

Reviewed Site Council's responsibility for the Plan.

Part I

Discussed the emphasis on reading:

The difficulty of creating the reading habit.

The difference between boys' and girls' taste in reading

What we did last year to create a culture of readers.

Part II

There is a need to update the 3 Year Plan to reflect the formation of Professional Learning Communities. We need to write and submit narrative to Department Chair Council (DCC)

Part III

We need to review the results of the STAR assessments with Site Council

Review of Safety Plan

Distributed last year's Safety Plan (Site Council Members should review it – skim it to become aware of the parts of the Safety Plan and to identify errors or omissions).

4:30 Meeting Adjourned

