



# Redwood Site Council

9/23/09  
3:30 pm  
Room 120

*The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.*

Members Present: David Sondheim, Robin Lahargoue, Katie Paulsen, Sylvia Jones, Bernadette Rattett, Aaron Simon, Ann Jackson, Lisa Choy, Jeanette Thorson, Michele Hayden, Davis Zec

Members Absent: Nancy Neu, Nicole Vandenberg, Barry Blue

## ***Agenda Item – Welcome and Introductions***

- Introductions were made.
- David explained what the Site Council's goals are and that the council looks at the big picture school wide to achieve those goals.
- David explained the hand-outs and asked that everyone read the by-laws before the next meeting.

## ***Agenda Item – First Day of School Schedule/Activities Review***

- The first day of school schedule was discussed and comments from both teachers and students were presented.
- This is the second year that RHS has used this schedule.
- David asked for feedback from members who have spoken to members of their own departments. Some of the comments that were made:
  - Katie stated that the counselors enjoyed the opening day schedule. It was easier to get the 9<sup>th</sup> grade “issues” handled in the morning. That left more time to take care of the upper classmen when they came in to pick up their schedules.
  - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers were monitoring the halls and trying to help students find their way.
  - Lisa asked what prompted RHS to implement this schedule and David replied that the goal was to make transitioning from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade and transferring to a new school a little easier as it is very difficult for some students. This was to help ease that change as best we could.
  - Lisa stated that her daughter liked the schedule. It made it easy to find her classes later in the day. Lisa also said that at Back to School Night even she got turned around and that signs posting the way to classes would have made it much easier.
  - Ann said that this year's students were calmer than in the past. RHS is such a big place and it can be intimidating. Her daughter said that she wished this schedule would have been in place when she was a freshman.
  - Bernadette asked if orientation was mandatory or optional. It was noted that it is optional and the 20-25% of new students do not or can not attend.
  - Sylvia asked if parents and students were polled. Only students were polled.
  - Robin said that if 84% of those polled found the new schedule helpful than we should stick with it. But that 10 minute periods might be better as most teachers want that.
  - David Zec said that last year when he was a freshman, the schedule was very helpful.
  - Ann said that it might be better if freshman hear directions twice the first day and David Z. agreed with her.
  - Michele is hoping that the Site Council will be taking on issues that the parents can get involved with this year. Parent input is important and she felt that in the past there was a set agenda and parent involvement was not a priority.

## ***Agenda Item – District Vision Statement/Strategic Planning***

- The Vision Statement was included on the agenda. Everyone will be doing work at the District and Site level to make it happen. Site Council could get involved as well.

*Agenda Item – 2009-2010 Overview*

- **WASC** - Although RHS received a 6 year accreditation a 3 year review is required to review what our goals were and what has been accomplished so far and what still needs attention.

**Binge Drinking**- We will be looking at ongoing work.

**Healthy Kids** – 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the Healthy Kids Survey in November. RHS will look at the results to help us determine ways to help the students with any substance or health concerns/issues.

**Reading Improvement** – Still looking at ways to get students to improve reading comprehension.

**Other** – Aaron asked if a decision regarding the IB program was coming. David stated that the budget obstacles that were in place are no longer there. After being put on hold for one year it is looking as if IB will be implemented next school year. Robin asked if transfer student orientation was still done with 9<sup>th</sup> graders. David said Peer Resource was now doing transfer student orientation and Link Crew was still doing 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation.

*Meeting adjourned at 4:26*