



Redwood Site Council

10/28/09
3:30 pm
Room 120

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

Members Present: David Sondheim, Robin Lahargoue, Katie Paulsen, Bernadette Rattett, Aaron Simon, Ann Jackson, Lisa Choy, Azita Sayadi, Jeanette Thorson

Members Absent: Barry Blue, Nancy Neu, Sylvia Jones, David Zec, Michele Hayden

Agenda Item –Approve minutes from 10/14/09

- Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item - IB Clarification-Sondheim

- David stated: At the Sept. 23 Site Council meeting, in response to a question by Aaron Simon about the status of the IB program, I said 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." I had meant to say that IB could, not will, be implemented next school year. My apologies for my misstatement and any confusion it may have created.

We are in the process of gathering information in order to prepare a report for the superintendent regarding the costs associated with the IB program. While some of the financial obstacles identified in the 2008-2009 school year have been overcome, the ongoing recession and slow economic recovery mean that the district still must remain cautious about spending and costs associated with programs. Once this report is prepared, the superintendent will make a recommendation to the board regarding the feasibility of implementing the IB program for the 2009-2010 school year. Please note that the board will make the final determination and no decisions have been made.

Agenda Item – WASC Action Plan Review/Current Status Continued-Sondheim

- David S. explained Outcome #3. He stated that there is concern with the state's written expectations versus our course guide. We get back from the state a break down within each subject, stating the goal is to respect the work that teachers are trying to do versus what the expectations are.
- Robin noted that there are areas we need to look at such as RHS scores keep going up. She also asked what the cycle is that every course is looked at.
- David said that every 5 years every course comes up for revisions, by teachers that teach that course. The state standard is looked at and we look at how we can improve.
- Katie asked if the text book companies wrote textbooks to the state standards.
- Aaron said that the state does through an adoption process and they are either approved or not by the state. Teachers then pick from that list.
- David-the textbook companies are aware of our standards and they build around it.
- Aaron and Robin both stated that there are many staff/teachers who want to give input for the WASC report.

Agenda Item –Underachieving Students- Paulsen

- Hand outs passed around.
- Katie went over first few points and discussed the six different types of underachievers.
- It was then discussed how Redwood recognizes and then helps underachievers.
- Discussion will continue at the December 9th meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:40 p.m.