



Redwood Site Council

12/10/09
3:30 pm
Room 120

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

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

Members Absent: Barry Blue

Agenda Item –Approve minutes from 10/28/09

- Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item –Underachieving Students (part 2) Paulsen

- Katie began where she where she had left off at the last meeting regarding the underachieving student.
- Everyone was asked to take out the handouts given at the last meeting so they could follow along.
- 2nd and 3rd grades are when characteristics of the under achiever first tend to appear.
- Each type of underachiever was explained and different actions to take were explained.
- Aaron asked if the Site Council had a goal here with the info being presented.
- Jeanette felt we needed to address this, if you know what type of under achiever you are dealing with up front than it can be addresses sooner.
- Robin inquired if Site Council actually had a say as to what can be implemented.
- Nancy stated that the Site Council can takes action on specific ideas. She explained that ideas are taken to DCC, it is discussed and then discussed at staff meetings. Things are constantly discussed before any actions can be taken.
- After retiring and going over to S.I., Sylvia said coming back to Redwood was great because of the level of communication about both achieving and under achieving students.
- It was discussed that to possibly help all students Redwood should hold a career day. This might help students who are unsure as what path they want to follow. Maybe we could connect parents with students. If parents wanted to come and chat about their profession it might open a door.
- David Zec as a student thinks a career day is a great idea. He also stated that not enough kids take advantage of the College to Career Center.
- Karen made the point that we would need to have a wide range of people for the range of students we're trying to reach.
- Nancy suggested a parent could get involved with this project as it would be a large undertaking and they would have connections.
- Karen made the point that a career day could open student's eyes to the different possibilities available to them.
- David S. said that Admin can look into it and see how they can incorporate it into a plan.
- David asked if there were any topics that should be discussed at our January meeting.
- Nancy said that WASC should be the focus.
- One of the parent members asked what our focus on WASC should be.
- David S. said that he wants the members of the Site Councils perception of what we are doing. Bring ideas or concerns, or things you've heard from the outside.
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- Nancy responded that when on Site Council or DCC there will be opportunities for you to ask questions, voice concerns or bring feedback from parents.
- Jeanette asked the question why is the lunch time longer during the pilot schedule as more students will leave campus. If the classes were a little longer maybe there would be less homework.
- After the pilot schedule trial a survey will go out to parents, students and staff to get feedback.
- David Z. said that the students he has spoken to like the idea of the pilot as they will not have homework in every class every day.
- Jeanette asked why teachers give homework over the holidays.
- David S. stated that is a topic that can be discuss next time.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:35 p.m.