

Redwood School Site Council Minutes

March 26, 2024

Redwood Library, 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm.

Members present: Nicole Judd, Heather Dingbaum-Maires, Denise Lucarelli, Dylan McKenna, Caitlin Gregory, Laura Detweiler, Megan Goebel, Roya Klaidman, Linda Figueroa-Bertetti, Tracy Sims, Kristi Keener, Zachary Snow, Lucy Lombardi

Absent: Carrie Halvorsen, Nancy Joly-Cause, Dawn Ott, Rachael Brusseau, Meghann O'Weger, Nicole Updegraff, Cesar Villanueva, Alison Friedman

I. Approval of the Minutes

- M. Goebel made a motion to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes. K. Keener seconded the motion. Motion carried – February minutes approved.

II. Public Comments

- No public comments

III. Student Report – Provided by Violet Nowak.

- School cases were decorated for the month of March
- The Snack Cart continues to be available Mondays and Fridays
- Game/Ball Check out continues to be available Monday through Friday
- COTY - Disney Day and Crazy Sock Day was held on 3/22
- LTA - Guess that Movie and College Trivia was held on 3/22
- Classroom rep meeting was held on 3/1 to tell classroom representatives about school events in March

- We held a make-up LTA of Freeze Dance on 3/15
- We celebrated Cafeteria Appreciation Week 3/4 - 3/8
- Our March Madness lunch tournament is currently going on; 6th graders played last week, and the 7/8th grade finals will be 3/27 at lunch
- On 3/19 we began selling our pre-sale tickets for our Spring Social that will be held on Friday April 19th from 5-7 at Redwood
- March birthdays cards were distributed
- Publicity for April COTYs and LTAs has begun

Upcoming:

- Spring Social 4/12 from 5-7pm at Redwood
- Classroom Rep meeting will be held on 4/12 for April activities
- COTY: Tie-Dye Day 4/26
- LTA: Donut Disaster 4/26
- Earth Week celebration with PTSA
- ASB has begun brainstorming ideas for Teacher Appreciation gifts for May
- 5th grade visit day is on April 18th and ASB is in the swing of planning for our future Vikings!

IV. Boys and Girls Club Report – Provided by Cesar Villanueva.

- No report; C. Villanueva absent

V. New Business

- Our new SEDAC representative, sixth grade parent Caitlin Gregory, was introduced to the School Site Council (SSC).
- College & Career Day went really well; Redwood welcomed about fourteen professionals that rotated classrooms; everyone was super happy with how this event went.

VI. Committee Reports

■ **DAC (District Advisory Council) – Provided by Carrie Halvorsen and Caitlin Gregory**

- All the different DACs gave their reports.
- AADAC reported on racism in our schools. N. Judd informed SSC how Redwood responds to on-campus incidents.
 - a) A SSC discussion followed about inappropriate language used on campus by students and the rise of purposeful escalations of situations in order to get reactions from others; N. Judd noted that Redwood is encouraging use of academic language only.
- Kenny Loo gave the LCAP report; small group discussions followed.

■ **GATE DAC (Gifted and Talented Education District Advisory Council) – Provided by Rachael Brusseau**

- Stephen Lepire, Principal, and Allison Steltz, Asst. Principal - Student Support Services/Special Education, gave a presentation on the IB program and enrichment opportunities at Newbury Park High School.
- Mr. Kenneth Loo, Dr. Dena Sellers, and Dr. Jayna Suter hosted a question-and-answer session with our parent representatives regarding Mastery Grading and its implementation in the CVUSD.
- Student Services hosted a “New to GATE” informational meeting for recently identified, referred, and transfer GATE students and families on Tuesday, February 27th, and shared the following [presentation slides](#).
- Upcoming District GATE Activities in MARCH:
 - a) High School “Survivor meets Amazing Race” scavenger hunt at TOHS on Wednesday, March 6th from 4 - 5

- b) Elementary art/origami on Zoom Tuesday, March 26th from 3:15 - 4:15
- Upcoming District GATE Activities in APRIL:
 - a) Middle School “Survivor meets Amazing Race” scavenger hunt at RMS on Thursday, April 11th from 3:30 - 4:30
 - b) Elementary video game creation with Bloxels on Thursday, April 25th from 3:30 - 4:30 (Limit 30)
Bloxels game boards are available for teacher check out!
- Our CVUSD Invention Convention Student Showcase will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, from 6:00 - 7:00pm in the University Center MPR, located at 2801 Atlas Avenue in Thousand Oaks. CVUSD teachers, students, and families are welcome to join our entrepreneurs, partners, and corporation groups as guests to share in the collective inventive journeys our creative students have explored over the last month.
- Universal GATE screening:
 - a) Scheduling is in the works and will be posted to the GATE webpage under the “Universal Screening for Rising Third Graders” drop down menu at the bottom of our GATE webpage once completed.
 - b) Principals will email the initial screening information, including their scheduled campus screening date(s) and opt out information, to 2nd grade families the week of March 11th. Ms. Harrison will send a follow-up email to all CVUSD 2nd grade families on March 26th.
- Screening timelines:
 - a) Initial screening from April 9th - May 3rd.

- b) Follow-up screening measures for students on the “cusp” of eligibility will be held from May 13th - 30th.
- c) Letters and scores will be mailed home to all participating students in June.
- Teen Tech Convention is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th from 12:00 - 3:00pm. 50 spaces will be available for sixth grade students from each of our five middle schools. (Priority registration for GATE identified students).
- The Tri-County Gate Council “GATEway to Leadership” will be held Saturday, March 9th from 8:30am - 3:30pm (CVUSD has sponsored participation for four teacher/admin-nominated 7th grade students from each of our 5 middle schools.
- Our last meeting of the school year will be held on May 3rd at 9:15am at the University Center MPR, and will include the final presentation in our 3-part series from Westlake HS regarding enrichment opportunities for students, as well as a presentation from Analise Griffith, CVUSD Secondary SEL/UDL TOSA, regarding the development of social-emotional lessons and curriculum for all students, as well as how it affects GATE students specifically.
- Elections for our 2024-25 GATE DAC Executive Board positions will be held at the May 3rd meeting, and nominations will close on April 14th. Anyone interested in being considered for one of the Executive Board positions please use this [GOOGLE FORM LINK](#).
- If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the take-aways or anything else, please reach out to me or anyone on the GATE-DAC executive board.
 - a) Tammi Taggart, GATE-DAC Chair,
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- b) Christine Wells, GATE-DAC Vice-Chair,
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- c) Hun Kaplowitz, GATE-DAC Secretary,
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- d) Rachael Brusseau, GATE-DAC Parliamentarian,
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■ **DELAC (District English Learning Advisory Council) –
Provided by Linda Figueroa-Bertetti**

- There was a meeting on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024.
- There was a review of the criteria for reclassification, which included information on testing procedure, testing content, testing results, teacher recommendations, high school classes, and district percentages.
- There was a review of the [Ellevation](#) program and the process of how it supports reclassification
- There was a review of the English Learner Needs Assessment
 - a) The school district will send out a survey on May 6th, 2024 to all ELAC families and must be responded to before the end of the school year, on June 14, 2024.
 - b) This information will be used to identify whether the program is working or not and what should be changed.
- The next meeting will be on March 26th, 2024.

■ **SEDAC (Special Education District Advisory Council) –
Provided by Caitlin Gregory**

- Unified Sports has a basketball game at TOHS this Thursday at 10:40am ;all three high schools compete against each other.

- [Aut2Run](#) was looking for a national anthem singer from the autism community.
- There were breakout discussions, where members met with a school psychologist.
- Kenny Loo presented on the LCAP and talked about statewide changes and impact on SPSA because of the California Dashboard
- There was a review of ESSR III funds
- The grant-funded Wellness Room will continue for another five years
- Members were asked to talk to sites about what they've done to highlight Disability Awareness Month – did you use the toolkit?
 - a) N. Judd reviewed Disability Awareness Month at Redwood.

■ **AADAC (African American District Advisory Council) – Provided by Nicole Updegraff**

- N. Updegraff absent; report submitted via email and read by L. Lombardi
- The following has become AADAC's priority: What we can do, as a school district and as community, to reverse the troubling trend of racist incidents/racist bullying/targeted racist language on school sites, to improve and encourage reporting from teachers and administrators to ensure information and incidents reach the highest administrative level, and rebuild trust with affected students and families.
- In alignment with our goal of Unity Through Community: We are in the process of choosing recipients of AADAC's 2023 Excellence Award. We are working with the high schools' BSUs to plan events geared toward creating

spaces of community and support. We are planning a pre-graduation ceremony to celebrate Black and mixed race-identifying graduating Seniors and their families.

■ **LGBTQ+ Advisory Council – Provided by Megan Goebel**

- There was a meeting on February 28th, 2024.
- The Parliamentarian position was filled. The new Parliamentarian for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year will be Shelby Green.
- Ms. Christina Harrison and Mr. Kenny Loo gave a presentation on the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful Education Act (FAIR) Education Act and the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) as they relate to the LGBTQ inclusion in the curriculum at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- Specific areas of the Education Code that were reviewed were:
 - a) Education Code 200: Law section ([ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov))
 - b) Education Code 51501: Law section ([ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov))
 - c) Education Code 60040: Law section ([ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov))
 - d) Assembly Bill 1078: Bill Text - AB-1078 Instructional materials and curriculum: diversity. ([ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov))
- Specific parts of the CVUSD Curriculum that were discussed were:
 - a) History Social Science Content Standards - Content Standards (CA Dept of Education) ([conejousd.org](https://www.conejousd.org))
 - b) Instructional Services / Human Growth & Development ([conejousd.org](https://www.conejousd.org)) -for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students
 - c) Instructional Services / California Healthy Youth Act ([conejousd.org](https://www.conejousd.org)) - Comprehensive Sexual Education

and HIV/AIDS Instruction for 7th and 9th grade students

- Breakouts by Elementary and Secondary School sites continued to discuss increasing events highlighting LGBTQ diversity throughout the district.
- The next meeting will take place on April 24th, 2024.

VII. Principal Update – Nicole Judd

- There was a review and discussion about the 2024-2025 SPSA Goals, specifically regarding changes and updates based on SSC survey.
- There was a review and discussion about the 2023-2024 SPSA data.
 - SPSA goal 1:
 - 75% of students enrolled in math advisory are currently passing math class.
 - SPSA goal 4 (student attendance at ASB events, sports, activities, etc.)
 - Increase in students participating in activities, such as sports.
 - 16% of the student body is on the chronic absence list. 2022/23 attendance: 10.5% of the student body on chronic absence list. Attendance incentives were put in place this year to support positive attendance. Examples of incentives include front-of-lunch-line passes and class competitions. There was a follow-up discussion about barriers to families and students regarding attendance.
 - Suspension data: there is a decrease from the previous year in regards to major offenses (Education code 48900 section a-e offenses [drugs, violence]).

- [Budget Changes - SPSA](#)

VIII. Assistant Principal of Instruction Update – Kristi Keener

- No report

IX. Dean of Student Support Services – Meghann O’Weger

- No report

X. Old Business

- No old business.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.