

**REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
October 11, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Barbara Solomon. The minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved as submitted. All Board members present.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Barbara Solomon welcomed new parents.

Treasurer's Report: Tish Borden reported we have reached our goal for membership and for directory ads. We have met our needs for budgeted expenses.

Auditor's Report: Cindy Brown has examined the financial records of the treasurer for the year ending 6/30/2007 and has found them correct. She submitted the audit for adoption by the Association.

ASB: (Jumping ahead so student rep. can return to class.) Kelly **Sanberg** VP, standing in for President of ASB. Red Ribbon week will be third week in October. Then Homecoming is coming up. Lots of student activities that week. Condoms will be available to students from the Peer Resource group starting this week.

OFFICER REPORTS continued:

President: Barbara spoke of the planned Drug and Alcohol Awareness activities. One of our main programs for the 11th and 12th graders is "Every 15 Minutes". This program runs every two years and will be in March this year. We are looking for new ways to educate kids and parents. MCOE has grant to study binge drinking. Redwood was selected to participate and PTSA will help. The goal is to work to change community attitudes about drinking. Barbara also talked about our need to amend our bylaws to add an executive vice-president position. At a future meeting we will be looking for a motion to amend; Susan Miltner will officially be our Exec. VP. Drug and Alcohol Awareness will be put under the Vp position. Barbara introduced Jeff Slavitz, our website manager, and said thank you for his work. She also mentioned that we are looking for someone to change and update our database so we can convert to a mostly electronic mailing of the Post.

Lunch plaza got the green light from the School Board. That project is moving forward. Susan Miltner announced Karen Berg has volunteered to be our publicity chair.

Vice President/Parent Ed Jeannie Perry is scheduling the Parent Ed events as a series with the general theme being a positive approach for parents to reach out to kids. Paula Vantrease, Redwood's College and Career Specialist, and a presenter from Marin Youth Center will speak at today's meeting. October 25th will be an evening presentation by Regan McMahon, author of *Revolution in the Bleachers: How Parents Can Take Back Family in a World Gone Crazy Over Youth Sports*. Jeannie is working on a presentation by Brenda Berkheim about understanding teenage boys.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Principal: Nancy Neu who was at a North Coast Sectionals meeting during our last meeting. She said it was a very important discussion of the rules of transferring high school student athletes. Progress reports went out but the new Eschool Plus program had some errors. If you didn't get a progress report you should contact Nancy's office. The report cards will look different with this new system. Nancy encourages parents to follow-up with the progress reports. If you are surprised by anything on the report, contact teachers and include your child in the conversation. Nancy is speaking with Middle Schools and prospective freshmen. Kent and Del Mar in October. The school has filed a letter of interest for Redwood to be and International Baccalaureate school. This program was

introduced to the US in 1968 It is a global curriculum, similar to the AP system but more global. Courses are linked together and scored through the year, rather than an end of year test. The application is a two year process. Only one school in a region can be chosen. Programs exist in Sacramento, San Jose and Santa Rosa. It is an expensive program (over \$100,000 annually) Staff development includes travel. The application will be in two parts March and June and will include a visit in the Fall. The program would be open to Juniors and Seniors beginning in 2009/2010. Eventually, the IB program would replace AP classes at Redwood. More info will be coming on this and Nancy suggests looking at the IB website. (www.ibo.org) Nancy mentioned after being named a California Distinguished School, Redwood has moved on to the national level and has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Carolyn Grey reported we have 495 members representing 1/3 of the student population and 40 staff and teachers. Directories will be printed soon.

Directory: Anne Mahoney reported working with Donna Broughan they have solved many problems with the database. Hoping to go to print as soon as possible.

Thanks to Kappy Reed for today's beautiful treats.

Meeting adjourned 9:20

Next meeting Nov. 8, Kreps Hall, 8:30 a.m.