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**Roosevelt High School  
Site Council Meeting Minutes**

September 12, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 5:33 PM by Past Chairperson Jeffrey Grose

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**B. Vance:** Recruit staff members for Site Council open positions. (9/12/07)

**J. Grose:** Submit information to the Rider Record, PTSA bulletin, and RHS website about Site Council openings. (9/12/07)

**T. Bigelow:** Mention community at-large openings at the next RNA meeting and in the RNA newsletter. (9/12/07)

**J. Grose:** Contact the PTSA to identify the Site Council's PTSA representative. (9/12/07)

**REPORTS:**

**Senior Class:** Merritt Peterson reported the class is planning homecoming activities and dance. The dance will be held in the RHS Commons on September 28 at 9:00 PM.

**Junior Class:** Katie Bulloch reported the class is planning a homecoming pep rally and barbeque to be held before the homecoming football game on September 28. Tickets will be sold at the school before the game. They are also working on securing a location for the winter Tolo dance.

**Principal:** Mr. Vance reported the start of the school year has gone well. The staff includes a new administrative team as well as a new security person and new teachers for LA, LA/Social Studies, Spanish, Spanish/Japanese, Health and Science. All positions are fully staffed. This evening, the school will be conducting "High School 101" for ninth grade parents.

**Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA):** Tad Bigelow reported the summer time Bull Moose Festival was a success with the Whole Foods Taste Fair very popular. An RNA Board retreat was held August 19 where the Board discussed a number of initiatives to pursue.

**Golden Grads:** Tad Bigelow report the organization held their annual picnic in August and had a good turn out.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Site Council Officers:** The Site Council passed a motion and approved the selection of Jeffrey Grose as Chairperson. It was agreed that selection of a Secretary will be postponed until next month when additional members may be in attendance. Jeffrey Grose agreed to prepare minutes for today's meeting.

**Site Council Membership:** Jeffrey Grose distributed a list of Site Council members for 2007-2008. There are openings for one parent representative, four staff representatives, and two community at-large representatives. Mr. Vance agreed to recruit staff members. Jeffrey Grose agreed to provide information about openings in the Rider Record, PTSA bulletin, and RHS website. Tad Bigelow agreed to mention community at-large openings at the next RNA meeting and in the RNA newsletter. Grose also agreed to contact the PTSA to identify the Site Council PTSA representative.

**RHS Wait List and Enrollment:** Mr. Vance reported the wait list for freshman was reduced during the summer from over 300 to about 250. Currently, there are 1730 students at RHS. This exceeds the anticipated enrollment of 1692. Mr. Vance said school is full but "moving along well". The student representatives said the full school is most noticeable when students use the stairs between classes.

**RHS Start Time:** Mr. Vance reported the school district allows individual high schools to recommend their school start time. At the close of the 2006-2007 school year, the faculty considered changes to the school start time for this year. It was decided that the start time would not be changed for 2007-2008. A primary factor was the continued use of school district buses for 2007-2008. All high schools are scheduled to rely on Metro buses next year. The staff will consider school start time for 2008-2009 later this school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Topics for Site Council Attention during 2007-2008:** The Site Council discussed the following potential areas of attention for 2007-2008:

- **School Resource Officer:** Mr. Vance said the addition of a school resource officer would be a big help. The PTSA is investigating opportunities for the return of a school resource officer to RHS. The Site Council agreed to support the PTSA in this endeavor.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Period Funding:** The RHS budget for 2007-08 included additional funds for six periods of classes. However, this amount is not adequate to provide six periods a day for all students. Mr. Vance said the school district will be implementing a new school budget process. This may affect school funding levels, including funding for six periods of classes. The Site Council agreed to monitor this process and funding provided for six periods of classes.
- **Surveillance Cameras:** Mr. Vance said it would help security if surveillance cameras were installed in the school. These are used at other schools in the district. Mr. Vance is working on obtaining cost information to see if this could be added at RHS.
- **Partnering with Eckstein Middle School to reduce drug and alcohol use:** Mr. Vance said a grant is being pursued by RHS, Nathan Hale HS, and Eckstein MS to fund an intervention specialist that would focus on drug and alcohol use.
- **Staff Use of the Source:** Site Council members confirmed that students and parents like use of the Source by teachers. More teachers are using this than in the past. The school district is encouraging use of this system by teachers but it is not a school district requirement. Mr. Vance said that development of guidelines and protocol for use of the Source by teachers, students, parents and staff could encourage more frequent and effective use of this tool. The Site Council agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

**Golden Grad Funds:** Tab Bigelow said the Golden Grads may be receiving a donation that could be used for building improvements at RHS. Potential items identified were the addition of a greenhouse, restoration of the RHS organ, adding an operable partition in Room 242, and returning and protecting art work that was removed during the renovation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 PM in Room 242.

**ATTENDANCE:** Site Council members Tad Bigelow, Katie Bulloch, Jeffrey Grose, Debra Godfrey, Catherine McConnell, Meritt Peterson, Taeko Tashibu, and Brian Vance. Visitors Camille Farrington and Mike Kelly.

**Minutes Prepared By:** Jeffrey Grose, Site Council Chairperson