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**Roosevelt High School
Site Council Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:39 PM by Jeffrey Grose

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Site Council approved minutes of the 10/10/2007 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

B. Vance: Recruit staff members for Site Council open positions. 2 positions still open

J. Grose: Submit information re Site Council open positions to the next PTSA bulletin.

B. Vance: Ask staff for feedback re use of the Source.

B. Vance: Get contact name at District for discussing the Source to Catherine McConnell.

J. Grose : Talk to Ms. Boswell regarding obtaining student feedback re the Source.

J. Grose: Send notice to PTSA bulletin re getting feedback from parents re the Source.

B. Vance: Check with staff to see if they will support more student exchange programs.

(10/10/07)

REPORTS:

Principal: Mr. Vance reported on some student activities as no students reps to Site Council were in attendance. Mix-up-day was a good effort towards building community; students were asked to sit at lunch with different people—based on birthday months. ASR is involved in a program endorsed by secondary school principals, called RSVP: Respect Student Voices Project. Students use class time for small group activities focused on problem solving and action planning around school issues.

Mr. Vance reported that RHS has a \$150K grant application submitted for the AP program: to engage students currently underrepresented in the AP program. Mr. Vance reported that there are still a few school repairs targeted related to the new facilities.

PTSA: Maureen Dahlstrom, PTSA co-Chair reported that PTSA has some goals this year for beautification, internal signage and increased security/police presence. Winter Ball is December 15.

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA): Tad Bigelow reported that a recent land use meeting had a large turnout of 160-200 people. A key issue was the Sisley property. Most likely it will be several years until any development activity will take place on the currently vacated properties as land use and lease issues are worked through. RNA urges creating some open space along 14th. The next RNA meeting will be held 11/27/07 with a focus on safety in the neighborhood. The annual Bull Moose event has been scheduled for 7/19/08.

Golden Grads: Tad Bigelow reported that the Golden Grads have finished their wish list funding for this year with approximately \$12,000 worth of projects funded. An additional \$3700 went for funding of a WWII plaque and artwork. GG will focus on scholarships in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

Site Council Membership: Welcome to Nola Sterling, new Site Council member, representing the community. Nola was nominated and approved to serve as Vice Chair of Site Council. Welcome to Carolyn Kenney Hall, new Site Council member, representing RHS staff.

Use of the Source: Mr. Vance reported that there is no school or district policy regarding use of the Source. Progress reports and quarterly reports are not automatically uploaded to the Source; teachers use EasyGradePro for grades and this program does not automatically feed to the Source. Attendance is the only data that automatically goes to the Source. Teachers choose how to use the Source. Options include grade tracking, syllabus, assignments and general class website. WASL scores are available on the Source. Jeffrey Grose reported on the proposed uses the Auburn School District will have for its online package, Skyward. The district will implement professional development assistance and after 1 year will require use of the grade tracking package by teachers.

Student Exchange Programs: Stay tuned for a future report.

Building Cooling and Heating Problems Update: Mr. Vance reported that the School District is putting things in place to improve the HVAC system. Significant technical issues are involved. Staff filed a grievance to the district re the problem. District has informed staff of district actions.

NEW BUSINESS:

RHS Ground Maintenance and Beautification: Guests Maureen Dahlstrom and Sallie Chaney representing PTSA reported on issues of grounds maintenance. Keeping the new gardens in shape has been an issue since RHS reopened. There have been some parent work parties that were sparsely attended. The District did not budget for grounds maintenance though it was discussed by the building design committee with the District. PTSA is reviewing ideas for supporting regular grounds maintenance such as school clubs adopting areas of the grounds. PTSA representatives intend to meet with RHS VP Kelly and Melissa Boswell in January to explore ideas of student participation in grounds maintenance. No student reps of Site Council were in attendance to provide feedback regarding potential student participation. Some RNA members have expressed some interest in assisting.

School District Leadership Update: Mr. Vance reported on some of the changes at the District level. The new Superintendent has several areas of focus: growing AP program, curriculum alignment across the district which will follow through on some previous district goals, and the ongoing focus on the student achievement gap. At the high school level, the budgeting process will be changing from the weighted student formula to a weighted staffing standard based on FTE count plus some discretionary funds. The budgeting timelines remain similar so the budget crunch time likely will not change, but some information may be available earlier which will help. New District COO/CFO Tolley, has been to RHS for several visits. Two of the new Seattle School Board members are RHS parents.

ADJOURNMENT: at 7:02 PM

ATTENDANCE: Jeffrey Grose, Debra Godfrey, Catherine McConnell, Sallie Chaney, Maureen Dahlstrom, Nola Sterling, Tad Bigelow, Taeko Tashibu, Brian Vance, Carolyn Kenny Hall

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 PM in Room 242.

Minutes prepared by Catherine McConnell, Secretary