

REDWOOD DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of General Meeting of October 4, 2006

1. Welcome

Ellen Jaffe, RDSPA President, welcomed all those in attendance. She then gave a brief description of the purpose of the RDSPA and introduced Board members.

2. Mike Riera

Mike spoke about the importance of the RDSPA, calling it the "quiet backbone" of the school, as well as discussing the significant changes which the school has undergone in recent years. He then addressed the RDS response to violence at other campuses, the search for an interim middle school director, the next RDS building phase (middle school) and the new "passions" being brought to RDS by new teachers.

5. Financial Overview

Ellen gave an overview of RDSPA finances. She stated that last year was the final year of "spending down" a RDSPA surplus which had accumulated during prior years. Funds were disbursed to address various needs, including an RDS administration "wish list". She announced that there will be no fall raffle this year due to a lack of volunteers to head the committee. Charlie Cypher, RDSPA vice-president, is soliciting ideas to replace this fund raiser.

6. Auction

Cheri Robertson announced that the spring auction will be held on 3/31/07 at the Rotunda in Oakland. She is requesting that persons interested in volunteering to assist with the event contact her.

7. School Picnic

The school picnic will be held on 10/21/06 at RDS.

8. Speaker Series

A speaker series which focuses on parent education will contain three or four events this year. Events will be announced in the Friday Folder.

9. Book Fair

All parents are encouraged to attend the upcoming RDS book fair.

10. Scrip

Chris Stuetz announced a goal of \$15,000 (\$10,000 was collected last year) for paper and e-scrip. He stated that the list of participating retailers

is expanding. Chris encouraged all RDS families to go to the RDS web site to enroll.

11. Website

Ellen encouraged feedback regarding the RDSPA portion of the RDS website. She reviewed "logo-wear" availability.

12. RDSPA Changes

Ellen announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the role and procedures (including bylaws) of the RDSPA. She stated that the committee was soliciting for additional members from the RDS parent population. She also stated that all RDSPA Board meetings are open to the all parents. Meetings will be announced in the Friday Folder and on the RDS website.

13. Budget

Ann Vawter reviewed RDSPA finances in detail, comparing 2005/2006 income and expenses with projected amounts for 2006/2007. Discussions occurred relating to various items in the budget, including the disposition of the projected \$40,000 excess of income over expenses. Parents expressed an interest in determining how these funds would be spent. Several parents felt that financial aid should be a high priority for the RDSPA. The 2006/2007 budget was approved by a show of hands.