

City-wide PTA Meeting

February 3, 2016 4:30 – 6:00

East Wing Conference Room

Goals:

- 1) Open communication lines between school department and parents
- 2) share budget issues and scheduling information

Agenda:

Introductions (5 min)

UPDATES (25 min)

Parent Information Nights

- Topic for January was: **Open Circle and PBIS**

Dr. Kelly shared information regarding the Open Circle/PBIS presentation that happened in January. It was a great presentation and those who attended really enjoyed it. Powerpoints from both presentations can be found on the PTA website. It was not as well attended as we had hoped. We discussed the idea that many schools are hosting their own parent events and perhaps this is not something there continues to be a need for. It was left that members would reach out to their school based PTO members to see if they would be interested in attending a March parent night. The topic is scheduled to be PARCC testing.

School Year Calendar

- *Religious Holydays; Half days next year*

Dr. Kelly shared that she submitted a proposal to the RTA on the calendar issue and that the union opted not to push this offer out to the full membership for a vote. Dr. Kelly is working with the School Committee and expects to have a finalized calendar in March. There will be one half day each month except December and 2 in May. All are on Wednesdays and the exact dates will be shared once the calendar is finalized.

Budget (20 min)

Dr. Kelly discussed the budget situation for the 2016-2017 school year. The projected budget short fall expected is due to the new Chapter 70 funding formula that uses the number of students who are determined to be economically disadvantaged rather than the percent of students on free and reduced lunch. Dr. Kelly discussed the difference between these two categories and how we are impacted. The number of qualified students has fallen from 78% to 46%; resulting in a 3.9 million dollar budget reduction. Dr. Kelly is working with the School Committee as well as Revere's legislative caucus. More information will be forthcoming. Parents are encouraged to reach out to their state representatives and Senators.

Middle School Lottery (25 min)

Ms. Mokaba shared that 5th graders are in the process of taking tours of all three middle schools. Middle School preference sheets will be sent home prior to vacation and will be due back to elementary schools by Friday, March 4th.

The status of ELT was discussed as well and Dr. Kelly shared that this is still in discussion.

Mr. Malone's appointment to Tewksbury Superintendent (5 min)