

City-wide PTO Meeting

December 7, 2016 5:00pm - 6:30pm

RHS Learning Commons

Goals:

- 1) Understand the way parents think about issues of school quality and what makes a good school
- 2) Foster effective communication between the school department and parents
- 3) Provide a forum to discuss and address concerns/questions

Agenda:

- Introductions (5 min)
- After School Programs (10 min)

Discussion of After School Programs- Dr. Kelly explained that we along with the school committee are taking a closer look at our current after school program and how it is meeting the needs of our families and our students. Some issues discussed include half days, no school days, wait lists and our ability to meet the needs of our families.

- Open Forum (15 min)

Questions: Outside partnerships have some negatives and this has happened in the past. We are aware of the potential challenges of sharing space but this is part of any partnership and something we will work on. One parent mentioned the MGH Youth Zone and the value it has for our middle school students. Dr. Kelly discussed how our current program services elementary school and programs like MGH Youth Zone are options for middle school families to explore in the future. Dr. Kelly talked about the curriculum some of the programs offer and the professional development opportunities for the staff. Question: Employees in the after school program- How would we keep them? Dr. Kelly stated that this would be a priority that any one brought in would hire our employees.

- Recess at the elementary Level

Conversation about recess and movement- Parent concern about recess and getting outside. Dr. Kelly will check with Hill and where they are with addressing the outdoor recess.

- Update on RHS (no new news)

Meeting transitioned to MCIEA parent focus group conducted by James Noonan for the remaining hour.