

City-wide PTO Meeting

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 5:00pm - 6:30pm

RHS Learning Commons

**Goals:**

- 1) Provide feedback on current program and suggestions for improvement
- 2) Foster effective communication between the school department and parents
- 3) Provide a forum to discuss and address concerns/questions

**Agenda:**

- Introductions (5 min)
- Middle School Placements (20 min)  
Dianne and Danielle shared the dates for the middle school tours for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and shared the date for the middle school lottery (April 12, 2017). She clarified the sibling policy and staff policy.
  - School visits-Scheduled for March 3rd, 8th, and 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Lottery date-Wednesday, April 12, 2017
- Superintendent's goals update (15 min)
- Dr. Kelly shared the work she and the administrators and educators at the schools have done towards meeting the identified goals.
  - Professional Practice Goal-Building Community. Dianne shared some of the ways that student work and teacher best practices are being shared with families and the community this year. She also spoke about the structure of the PTA meetings and the new website that is scheduled to launch soon.
  - District Improvement Goal-Assessment of and assessment for student learning. Dianne shared some of the work we are doing on towards creating a core values statement on grading, understanding effective grading practices, and the work some educators are doing around MSTV. Additionally, she shared highlights of the work RMA, Lincoln and Whelan will be doing with MCIEA.
  - Student Learning Goal-Teaching all students. Dianne shared the work being done to support the implementation of new progress reports for our ELL students. She discussed the ongoing professional development being implemented in the district on topics such as growth mindset, and teaching all students. Additionally, she shared the focus on increasing opportunities for student voice and choice.
- Assessments (20 min)
- Dr. Kelly shared the different types of assessments our students are taking this year in the district.
  - State Assessments
  - District assessments

- Open forum
  - Question arose about seatbelts on buses
  - Parent thanked Dianne for the open letter written to parents and students.
  - One suggestion to increase participation at the District PTA meetings: Try making an all call to all to parents to try to get more parents involved. Talk included a translator (perhaps HS students volunteer to translate for community service).