City-wide PTA Meeting
June 1, 2016 4:30pm-5:30pm
East Wing Conference Room

Goals:
1) Open communication lines between school department and parents
2) Engage in collaborative decision making

Agenda:
- Introductions (5 min)
- Revisiting Superintendent’s Entry Plan
  - Ideas Moving Forward

Meeting Notes
Discussion of new high school facility-

NEASC Accreditation was discussed. Dr. Kelly outlined the 10 year accreditation process and where we are currently in the process. We just past the 5 year report. She cited the MSBA process we recently entered with the Statement of Interest for a new high school. Dr. Kelly shared that by submitting our statement of interest we are moving forward as NEASC would expect to show good faith to maintain our accreditation.

Revisiting the Superintendent’s Entry plan

Dr. Kelly shared the Wordles from the school site visit focus groups. The Wordle was described highlighting the fact that the words used most frequently are the largest. Identified Grading, ELL, Relationships, Evaluation, Community, Parents and Culture as important themes drawn from these focus groups.

The group was divided into 3 smaller groups and reviewed the PTO Discussions, staff feedback, student feedback, teacher feedback to determine 3 “big rocks” or themes that were seen across groups.
Group 1

1. Budget-class size
2. More clubs-extra help and association with outside organizations
3. Grading
4. ELL-interpreters

Group 2

1. Communication/relationships
2. Budgeting/class size
3. Family/parents
4. Grading/project based
5. Technology

Group 3

1. ELL
2. Grading
3. Parents
4. Communication
5. Technology

“Big Rocks” gleaned from the groups:

- Grading/Extra Help/Project Based
- ELL
- Communication/relationships particularly with families
- Extra Help/Clubs/Partnerships
Adminstrator Feedback