City-wide PTO Meeting

January 4, 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)
- Discussion about Food Services with Cheryl Cole (55 min)

Cheryl Cole and members of the Aramark food service team shared information about the RPS food service program. Topics included meal pattern requirements and nutrition standards, student experience, cooking program for Life Skills students at RHS, creating community opportunities, program growth since 2012. Cheryl and her team displayed examples of some of the food and nutrition information our students have to choose from. (See PowerPoint attached.)

  - **Suggestions to enhance the program**- PTO members raised questions about breakfast selection and foods offered and the idea of a hot breakfast being served was discussed at length. Cheryl Cole and Dr. Kelly will meet to discuss a pilot program serving hot breakfast at one or two schools for the spring to see if it is a viable option.
  - Cheryl will look to change the rotation of sandwich offerings of Fridays so it is not always ham and cheese.

- Discussion about After School Program (10 min)

Dr. Kelly shared that the RFP was sent to City Hall for processing for a new after school provider for RPS. This process will take several weeks. After School programs interested in becoming our new provider will complete the RFP process.

- Update on new High School (10 min)

Dr. Kelly shared the recent news that we were not selected by the MSBA to join their Core Program for a new high school. MSBA stated that they felt we had a very compelling application and the need is obvious. However, their limited budget required them to focus on those districts that have even more pressing needs than ours. We will resubmit for the 2017 program.

- Open Forum (10 min)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.