

City-wide PTO Meeting

January 3, 2018 5:30pm – 7:00pm

RHS Learning Commons

**Goals:**

- 1) Foster effective communication between the school department, parents, and the community
- 2) Provide a forum to discuss and address concerns/questions

**Agenda:**

- **Introductions (5 min)**

*The agenda then jumped to the Open Forum portion first to accommodate parent requests.*

- **Review of Standards Based report card feedback from December (10 min)**
- *Dianne shared the feedback that was compiled from the ticket to leave distributed at the last meeting. Dianne identified several bullets that will be passed on to the Grading Subcommittee.*

- **Social Media and your kids (50 min)**
  - Commonsensemedia.org
    - 6 media resolutions for 2018
  - Screenagers movie preview and discussion
    - Creating a cell phone agreement
    - Should we host a screening?

*Parents expressed interest in viewing. Parent screenings in multiple languages? Dianne will look into it. Viewing would be opened to parents, middle school students, teachers. Dianne would want to have a sign up. Would be a good idea to have it be a community screening.*

- **DESE District Review sign-ups (5 min)**
  - Parent Focus group is Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm in the RHS Learning Commons*
- **Open forum**

*Alarm at Garfield Elementary-*

- Concerns that the Alarm system wasn't working. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor alarms were not working (sound) when there was a sprinkler issue at GES. Could see the sound and light. Did work when the Alarm Company tested it in the afternoon.
  - Dianne will connect with maintenance about this.*
- Training for bus monitors-They do get a one day training and had one this year.

- Parent question about SwiftK12, the company that we use to make “all calls” home.
  - Have we pre-recorded any standard messages?
  - Swift K12 – translations. The automatic translation services are still currently not working. We do our own translations in Arabic and Spanish, what are our next steps for this?
  - Dianne will follow up with this contract with the City Solicitor.
- Concern discussed about the number of new developments that continue to go up around the city. Parent was looking for ways to support the high school building project and actions she can take to engage/inform the community.
  - Dianne discussed the MSBA process and what next steps she and the Mayor will take. A future meeting will be set with the Mayor to have a strategy session to involve/inform parents.