City-wide PTO Meeting

May 3rd, 2017  5:00pm - 6:30pm

RHS Learning Commons

Goals:

1) Foster effective communication between the school department and parents

2) Provide a forum to discuss and address concerns/questions

3) Help parents and the community understand the purpose and the practices of the Revere SUDI office, discuss future initiatives, and solicit feedback about next steps.

Agenda:

- Joint meeting with the SUDI Task force (60 min)

  Mayor Arrigo spoke about his priority work around addressing the opioid epidemic and steps his office is taking to that end.

  Representatives from the SUDI office shared information about their roles and the work they do in the community.

  Community members asked questions about ways to get involved with the task force and help combat the issues of substance use disorders.

- New website information (5 min)

  The new website was shown and plans to put a feedback bar on the site discussed. This is a beta version and we will upgrade with suggestions from parents and the community to launch the final site at the start of the 17-18 school year. A message will go to parents and students to please look at the site and provide feedback once that mechanism is live. The Website team is working on that now.

  It was pointed out that the email addresses for Nurses and Guidance counselors are not searchable on the new website. These will be added.

- Open Forum

  There was a suggestion to hold the Spring Arts event twice a year; perhaps at Showcase Cinema. This will be passed on to the art director to discuss with teachers.

  There was a question about lead in water. Dr. Kelly said the MWRA reported our results were fine (NOTE: we have since learned that there were 7 areas of concern which were addressed and articulated to parents in Dr. Kelly’s May 9th letter)

  There was a question about increased ELL students at Garfield School. The budget includes an additional ELL Teacher position for Garfield which should alleviate the problem.