City-wide PTO Meeting
Sept 13, 2017  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:
-Ms. Shea shared feedback regarding the Paul Revere Summer program
-Dr. Kelly reviewed the agenda for the meeting

* Introductions
  - Present: Michael Walpole, Michael Hyde, Barbara Shea, Michael Ferrante, John
    Kingston, Joanne Willett, Eric Fearing, Kristen Janjar, Sara Hoomis, Barbara Kelly,
    Nancy Martel Eileen Moshella, Anna, Josh Vadala, Dianne Kelly, Carol Tye

* Review of last year’s questions and accomplishments
  - October: Improvements noted in cleanliness of buildings (some changes to cleaning
    crews). Another accomplishment was a meeting on Growth Mindset.
  - November: Religious Holidays were discussed – a goal is to continue to address this.
  - December: Recess was discussed at the Hill and successfully resolved. Bringing
    AlphaBest aboard was an accomplishment.
  - January: Cheryl Cole presented from Food Services, shared food, discussed the Life
    Skills cooking program and the pilot program for hot breakfast. There was also
    discussion around the MSBA and new building proposal for RHS.
  - February: Middle School lottery, Dr. Kelly’s goals – website and structure of PTO.
    Additional schools participating in performance assessments through MCEIA
  - March: Presentation on transition years (Grades 5 to 6, and 8 to 9).
  - April: School calendar shared, beta version of website released and information about the
    SUDI office was provided.
  - May: Joint meeting with Mayor’s office and SUDI office, discussion about lead in water
    fountains – MWRA update provided (Dr. Kelly shared a letter dated May 9th)

* Updates on Schools
  - Garfield Roof
    - Roof construction is ongoing. Some structural concerns were uncovered related
      to the library space and are being addressed which will result in a better, safer
      structure; however, these improvements will extend the project until December.
  - Lincoln air conditioning
    - Ms. Hoomis sent a letter home with updates on the project. The mayor is
      committed to the necessary improvements with the electrical system that are
      required prior to the start of the project. Temporary air conditioning was added
      to the library and the cafeteria.
• **Water**
  - Update: Garfield Elementary – unit replaced, must be tested again
  - Lincoln – water fountain has been replaced, must be tested
  - RHS – water fountain replaced and unused sink has been removed
  - RPS has registered with MWRA to re-do testing at Beachmont, Garfield, RHS and Lincoln
  - Update will be provided on the RPS website

• **Translation issues**
  - Automated phone system: RPS is using a new company – there have been challenges with the translation of messages home. This is being addressed and alternative methods of communication were discussed. Feedback from parents has been that they would rather have messages in English than in their native language if it is undecipherable. Temporarily, messages will be sent out in English only.

• **Planning for this year’s meetings**
  - October – District goals review
  - Feedback was provided on potential topics for future meetings

• **Open Forum**
  - Crosswalk painting
    - Ms. Shea called the DPW to see if crosswalks could be re-painted.
    - Ms. Tye shared that the mayor’s office is exploring the location of crosswalks and high need areas throughout the city.
    - Dr. Kelly will invite Julie DeMauro from Revere on the Move to the October meeting
  - Legislation on mandatory recess
    - There is a Bill on Beacon Hill to mandate 20 minutes of recess (unstructured play time) daily. We will continue to monitor the progress of the Bill.