

Roth Parent Meeting March 6th, 2017

1. Principal's Report, Denise Zeh:

- Review of Survey provided to 610 students which asked questions regarding social media, particularly regarding their receiving or reviewing inappropriate texts. With these results, Mrs. Zeh will review these with focus groups of students who participate on student council.
- Student Council Fundraiser held and was successful
- Safety Week to be held next week

2. Guest Speaker, Kerry Macko, Incoming Principal of Roth Junior High School, 2017-2018:

- Introductions of Vision of Excellence within RHSCD and Junior High Schools
- Homeroom to be a 15 min. period at beginning of day. Goal would be for students to connect with at least one adult outside of the classroom. 45 min. periods; 3 lunches (7th grade around 10:30 am to all eat together; 8th and 9th grades to be mixed at next 2 lunches depending on core and core classes they've chosen.). What would purpose of that period be? Goals might be to utilize time for school tool (or other small skills) training, WEB training lessons in groups of 15-20 students
- Music: Band and Orchestra to be scheduled on same day; opposite day would be chorus, so those who plan to do chorus and band OR orchestra can do so.
- Lunch plan: Assigned Seating? Not certain. Discussions are on-going.
- Work is ongoing to try to plan core/core/encore options
- If a 7th grade student decided not to engage in any music courses (band/chorus/orchestra) would the child be assigned to a study hall? No, they would be assigned to the revamped STEAM7 course. *Course is named BITS – Build, Innovate, Think, Share. Students were surveyed and chose the name for this new course!*
- Any study hall block planned for Junior High? This is not clear at this point but is being reviewed as some parents have expressed concern. There is no current plan in the proposed schedule. *There will be an academic study period for athletes at the end of the school day, prior to practices beginning at 3:30. Students may also attend Structured Study period after school and will have access to late bus.*
- Several parents expressed concern regarding early start of planned school day for Junior High school. Mrs. Macko expressed reasoning behind timing of day. Families questioning where they could obtain information when children would be picked up.
- Will students stay on same teams as current year? Unlikely, especially considering the many faculty transitions that will be taking place.
- Current locker assignments will remain in place next year.
- Plans for providing increased privileges for 9th graders? Current 9th grader's being interviewed: Students have shared that they've wanted to have a sense of increased trust and responsibility. There will be levels of freedom planned. Permission to use student lounge, backpacks, personal electronic devices being reviewed at this point in time. No final decisions made.
- What time will building be open: 7:05am.

- Questions regarding homeroom assignment. Goal would be to assign the students to a small group of approx. 20 people with the student either assigned or having some choice in selection of teacher.
 - When will list of teachers and assignments be made available? Since staffing at secondary is based on choice and enrollment, it is unlikely to be made available until late summer. Building placement has been made.
 - Schedule will be stable. Core classes meet same time every day. Electives will meet every other day at a consistent time period.
 - Meetings to plan 17-18 calendar have begun.
3. **Approval of January Minutes:** Motion to approve – Kim Tanner. Motion seconded Noelle Brown. All in favor.
4. **District Committee Reports:**
- BAC – Dan. Hentschel reported that an extra 5% in expenses expected. \$1.7 million dollars shortfall expected 2017-2018. A 2% tax rate is proposed to offset these expenses. A planned staffing reduction program (via attrition) is being proposed. Community Forum 7pm 3/16 at admin. Building.
 - DPAC – parent forum held 3/2
 - MPAC – seeking representation for next year at each building level
 - RHMPA – no representation
 - Space Committee – meetings have concluded
5. **Review of Roth Junior High School Parent Group By-Laws** -proposal reviewed by those in attendance ; no questions nor concerns raised
6. **Seeking Volunteers:**
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast: early May
 - Parent Group Officers 17-18: seeking nominations; Contact Amy Rowe, Mark Tanner or Sam Singhal with interest

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Rowe,

Roth Parent Group Co-Chair, 2016-2017