

PTA General Meeting: 1.19.11

- Issues that come up with communication between parents and school were discussed.
 - teachers are the first line of communication for parents
 - There are valid times to involve the Principal
 - Issues regarding continuity between grades
 - Dissatisfied with results of going to teacher first; but principal will involve teacher
 - When to involve specialists?
 - Parents have the responsibility to indicate if they prefer that the recipient of any email discussion not discuss the issue with others (other teachers, paraprofessionals, etc)
 - Report cards, IEPs and enrollment records make up a child's formal record that goes with them to other schools
- Tone of Conversation between Parents and Teachers
 - Tone of civility; take 5 minutes or a night before you send an email. Responses are linked to the tone of the email.
 - Email can be a blessing and a curse
 - Discussion of when email is appropriate and when in-person meeting is
 - Drop off in the am is not the best time to talk to a teacher
 - Discussion of listserves—value, code of conduct, how to enforce rules
 - Discussion of whether we should add more forums for parents vs. investing parents in structures that already exists
 - Value of mid-year curricular meeting with classroom teachers
- Discussion of minutes from prior General PTA meeting
 - Minutes approved
- Construction update—Principal Lycknell
 - SIT meetings can be contentious and challenging
 - Addition and modernization plans are online
- Financial Update: Sherry Cohen
 - Ahead of last year, but not on budget
 - Two big upcoming fundraisers: Janney's Wild and Spring Auction
 - Expenses tracking with last year