



## RHS PARENTS' CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2014

Meeting attendance captured via sign-in sheet. Non-RHS parents, Board members, and RHS staff members were also present.

### I. PRIOR BUSINESS- Marie Ortega:

- a) An invitation was extended to non-RHS parents several attended. RHS parents' encouraged to sign-in and reminded of end-of-year scholarship.
- b) Along with two other clubs, the Parents Club submitted an application for the fireworks stand. Will share in responsibilities and profit if selected in lottery system.
- c) October's SAT's course had 40 students on wait list so an emergency online vote was conducted. Received a 99.9% "yay" to fund a second course in November. Will evaluate another SAT course for May and June 2015 with the expectation of a high demand.
- d) No Parents' Club meeting in December. Board members meeting with administrators.
- e) Next dinner night out will be at Panda Express in December. Just finished a fundraiser at Pizza Hut.

**II. PRESENTATION** - Homework Workshop presented by the Huntington Learning Center. *For nearly 30 years HLC has helped tens of thousand of students build their skills, confidence and motivation needed to reach their full potential. Here are some highlights of the presentation:*

- a) Short Term benefit: Homework is part of the grade. Long Term benefit: teaching kids a skill for life (like hard work, perseverance, dedication).
- b) Recommended Video called "Grit" via Ted Talks by Angela Duckworth. Show it to kids.
- c) Discussed 3-C's: Care, Concern, Communication: Parent's are encouraged to say, "we love you, we care about you, and we know you're going to be successful."
- d) Treat your kids like you would someone else's child: Be patient, caring, don't raise your voice, give them the benefit of the doubt. "Think before you speak." Otherwise, they fail to impress the people they most care about, mom & dad.
- e) Learning Atmosphere: Hard surface, well lit, all necessities at the homework station.
- f) Homework time is quiet time.
- g) Music with no words is ok (like light classical).
- h) Homework time is a no cell phone zone.
- i) Homework needs to be done at a readily supervised area (like kitchen or dining room).
- j) Create mandatory study time based on grade level.
- k) Parents need to think like a kid to fix homework issues.
- l) Think short-term consequences.
- m) If homework is a big problem, set-up meeting with counselor and teacher. Keep homework log and have parent and teacher initial the log daily.
- n) Create one folder/pouch for all homework. Not multiple pouches.
- o) Structure "reading time" as a family. Not as part of the homework.

**Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm | Next meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2015