

## Feedback from Parent Forums on 8/31, 9/5 and 9/12/17

Feedback: 9/12/17

We had 2 parents attend the SRO forum on 9/12/17

Parents: Dan Esposito and James Koola

1. Emphasized value of active duty police officer – cost is worth the added value, from a community policing perspective and training perspective
2. Many parents are willing to help fund keeping the SRO through a direct contribution to the school/SRO fund.
3. This is a long term need/effort, so set up of Educational Foundation or similar entity would allow immediate fund raising, AND fundraising for future initiatives. School admin will investigate if there are restrictions on what Educational Foundation funding can be used for in a District budget.
4. Survey questions were briefly discussed – need to format in a way to have parents identify priority order of what they think is needed.

Feedback: 9/5/17

We had 3 parents attend the SRO forum last night: (9/5/17)

One more pre-Open House session planned for Tuesday, and SRO committee meeting set for 9/14 at 6pm in Library.

Additional parent forum scheduled for after survey is released. Max Berkowitz, Lena (?) and Kim Rowland.

1. SRO offers more than security - community policing, interaction with children and local police, educational opportunities, etc.
2. Need to make sure survey is "neutral" in statements, so that parents do not see this as either promoting or minimizing SRO position
3. Since the issue regarding the SRO (last spring) is still in parent's minds, good to mention that incident and highlight difference with current review.
4. One parent felt that no parent input was needed - SRO is critical and should be part of budget.

Feedback: 9/5/17 (cont.)

5. Question as to reason for SRO discussion: Answer was that since funding is now part of WBOE budget, the administration and WBOE felt we needed to do our due diligence in determining our community wants, needs and funding.
6. General feeling from parents at last night's meeting that "most" parents are in favor of keeping SRO, even at cost of teaching staff.
7. Parents interested in any options for partial funding for SRO possible
8. Alternative revenue (fundraising) for SRO position brought up - Nancy mentioned her support of pursuing fundraising opportunities

Feedback: 8/31/17

We had NO parents attend the forum, but managed to find one parent who came early to the Open House and was willing to talk to our group.

1. Identify duties of SRO, and whether those duties require experience level of police officer or not.
2. Quantify the number and general type of incidents the SRO has been involved over the past five years, and again, whether the skills needed to deal with those incidents requires police office training.

This parent was questioning what level of skill is required based.