HOW PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD WORK AS A TEAM

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Over the years, parental involvement in school has been considered of much significance. Most people believe that both sides win when parents and faculty are allies. Information from the school and parents’ sides create a better understanding on students’ development.

One of the problems existing in schools is when some parents are not cooperating with the teacher most specially when there is a concern regarding their kids. Usually, parents are more active and visible in the elementary grades. However, high school students need continuous support too.

Schwartz (2015) stated that many parents feel lost at the stage when their kids become teenagers. They feel unable to interact with them in the ways they used to. But still, teenagers need parenting just like the younger children. Teens just need space to try new things with the knowledge and the stuff in era where they belong.

Allowing the teens to make their own decision is empowering them. If they did not learn to be independent, they will have trouble later in life. Parents therefore should continue to show love and concern to their kids as they grow up.

In order for parents and teachers to have a harmonious relationship, they should know the importance of communication. The key to working together is to have good communication not just when time gets rough. It should be constant. From beginning to end. Both sides must share their observations regarding the welfare of the student. Both should care and analyze the situation that the learner has been going through.

If the student is in a difficult situation, teachers and parents should deal with the tough stuff together. Not all students have an easy transition. Some have refusal behaviors and others are exposed to vices. For parents, try to sit down and work out
solutions together with the teacher to resolve or deal with the tough stuff. There is no need to refuse most especially if this is for the benefit of the student.

High school students seem independent but actually, they are just becoming. They still need the guidance of both sides (parents and teachers) to boost their morale and face the challenges in life. The partnership that the parents and teachers can open doors of opportunities.

Aside from dealing the tough stuff together, considering each other’s perspective is also a choice. Building partnerships between parents and teachers relies on teachers listening to parents and parents taking the time to understand where teachers are coming from. No doubt, it works best when there is understanding on everyone’s part.

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