



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2015
Chair: Dakota Wilkins Chair-Elect: Brian Bostwick CIO: Mark Lindstone
LOCATION:
Arapahoe High School
Library**

6:00 PM – Arrival
6:32 PM – Convene Meeting: Mr. Dakota Wilkins - Chair ETAC 2014 -2015
Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance
6:33 PM – Celebrating Our Successes: Arapahoe High School
Mr. Darrell Meredith, assistant principal, welcomed the ETAC committee and introduced several AHS students who presented highlights and uses of technology at Arapahoe High School.
7:01 PM – Board Report: Ms. Carrie Warren Gully
Ms. Carrie Warren-Gully reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Board is taking the opportunity to update and revise the school budget as new funding trickles in.● The Board will be focusing on increasing district mental health initiatives. The possibility of having a mental health clinic somewhere in the district is being evaluated. This would increase the convenience of our community members to have assistance when needed.● The bond project which allows the district to make improvements in schools is continuing. There will be many schools receiving improvements this summer. One of the larger projects is a roof replacement at Runyon Elementary.● New graduation guidelines have been passed down from the state. The Board will be taking a look at these at these at the next meeting.● The search for a new superintendent is moving forward. The Board is in the process of collecting applications. The application deadline is February 12th. There will be three interview committees, two of these will be community committees comprised of teachers, administrators, parents and community members, the third will be a Board committee.● There will be two upcoming legislative issues involving schools and education. One will be a discussion on student assessments, the other will be a discussion around funding and the Tabor amendment.
7:15 PM –CIO and other Reports:
Mr. Mike Porter presented the CIO report for Mr. Mark Lindstone. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● ITS is preparing a massive number of chromebooks for student assessments. Standardized testing, now called PARCC testing, will begin on March 9th. Many thanks to the student volunteers who are assisting the ITS department to get the machines test ready.● Upgrades will be made to school wireless access points this summer. This improvement will

increase the speed of student online capability markedly when they return in the fall.

- The InnEdCo conference will include 26 members of the Littleton teaching staff who will be instructing 26 of the 150 sessions. Wow.
- A panel of students from a variety of districts will be hosting questions from technology leaders at the Colorado Association of Leaders in Technology (CALET) conference. ETAC student representatives Madi Perez, Davis Bonner and Dakota Wilkins will be representing Littleton.
- Littleton hosts its own internal conference called the Inspired Learning Conference (teachers teaching teachers) this event will be on April 25th at the Ames Facility.
- On April 29th the district will be putting on an Internet Safety Presentation for the community

[Littleton Foundation Update](#): please click the link for updates on the Littleton Foundation.

7:30 PM – Discussion Items : ETAC Feedback-Social Media Policy For Staff

Based upon the social media policy used in Denver Public Schools, and the social media policy from the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB), the committee was assembled in groups to provide feedback on the draft of social media policy that Littleton Public Schools will adopt. Does the policy provide sufficient guidance to staff members? Does it provide actionable steps that an LPS staff member could follow up through? Does the language taken from the other policies to form our own, encompass what a staff member would need in the way of guidance or do you see any gaps that need to be addressed.

- Should the word “discouraged” be used when addressing teachers texting students? Needs to stay within professional realm; work related; policy should spell this out. Are you having appropriate action with the student?
- Policy says “discouraged”, not prohibited.
- How will the policy be communicated to staff and how often? Communication reflecting any changes.
- Use an intensive communication strategy to staff when this policy is finalized. Provide training.

Feedback from exit poll:

Staff needs to be reminded of these policies on a regular basis. Also, there are many gray areas that need clarification. There are many exceptions that will need to be addressed.

Include qualification in policy about group v.s. individual communication

What will you do for teachers that currently communicate through personal social media to students?

What about exceptions (e.g. school trips, student babysits a staff member's children?)

Policy needs to cover not using professional resources for personal use.

The personal social use policy is a little on the strict side. I know teachers that have children in LPS and they are friends with the parents. The teacher might be friends with a parent from her child's class and the sister or brother is a student of hers. This policy prohibits social communication via personal accounts. That's like telling a teacher who to be friends with. I wouldn't have my kids attend LPS if I couldn't have a normal friendship with parents. Teachers live and send their kids in the LPS district. We should expect them to be friends with some of the parents. Parents will live in the same neighborhoods. I have one of my children's teachers right around the corner from me. That's why I love LPS, community. I have a friend that is a teacher and her daughter is on my child's swim team, I asked her to take my daughter home for me. I needed to communicate with her.