



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2015**

Chair: Brian Bostwick Chair-Elect: Mark Almer CIO: Mark Lindstone

LOCATION:

Educational Services Center

6:00 PM – Arrival

6:32 PM – Convene Meeting: Mr. Brian Bostwick - Chair ETAC 2015-2016

Call to order: Pledge of Allegiance

6:33 PM – Littleton Academy Presentation: Ms. Shelly Russel and Ms. Kathryn McEntire

Ms. Shelly Russell, Principal of Littleton Academy, along with Ms. Kathryn McEntire, science teacher gave a presentation to the committee regarding the status of technology usage and teaching philosophies at Littleton Academy (LA). The presentation is [HERE](#).

- LA uses technology as a tool to enhance the educational experience.
- LA has expectations that their teachers will adopt the use of technology in the classroom.
- LA staff teach students how to ethically and responsibly use technology.
- Technology is used to foster creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and innovation.
- Littleton Academy teaches internet safety and uses Google Applications for Education.

The committee extends its thanks to Ms. Russell and Ms. McEntire for the time and information shared with the committee.

7:00 PM - Mr. Jack Reutzel, Board of Education Liaison Report:

Mr. Reutzel introduced two of three candidates running for BOE openings this November. Mr. Jim Stephens, and Mr. Richard Boroom attended the ETAC meeting and gave a brief background on themselves and expressed their experiences within LPS. They also voiced their hopes for the future of the LPS school district.

BOE Report:

- The Board discussed and approved new online interactive Spanish materials.
- There has been discussion around LPS policy regarding testing schedules and new state assessments. Seniors no longer will take assessments.
- BOE is working towards a charge for the district's state and mental health advisory committee.
- A very successful and profitable bond transaction was made.
- Enrollment data for 2015-2016 is starting to come in. Out of district enrollees continue to have a strong impact in LPS.

7:15 PM - Ms. Beth Best, Executive Director LPS Foundation - Foundation Report:

Ms. Best showed off the new Littleton Stride race T-shirt. The race is coming up on October 25th. Please support the Foundation who so dedicatedly supports Littleton Public Schools and sign up for the race today, if you haven't already. Pancakes, bagels and fruit will be available for all participants. Upcoming: A family Nuggets night event coming soon! Check out the opportunity to buy inexpensive

tickets for a fun night with your family [HERE!](#)

7:30 PM ITS Report: Mr. Mike Porter

- The committee congratulated Mr. Mark Lindstone who was named the 2015 ITS Administrator of the year by the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE).
- Congratulations were also extended to Ms. Mimi Leonard has been inducted into the Colorado Association of Career and Technical Education (CACTE) hall of fame for her contributions in Career and Technical Education.
- New firewalls and upgraded internet security protocols have been implemented in the LPS district.
- Over \$300,000 dollars has been received from e-rate program reimbursements. The money will go back to the bond program to support further technical infrastructure improvements to benefit students in LPS.
- The new LPS website is up and running. The new website has great increased functionality with mobile devices. High schools and middle schools will soon be up and running, the entire district will be operational by July 2015.
- Over 3,100 computers have been deployed to students in the middle school 1:1 program. With such a large number deployed it is worthy to note that mishaps have been extremely minimal.
- [LPS Internet Safety night](#) will be October 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Ames. Various parenting strategies will be addressed to help keep students safe in a cyber world.
- Esteemed ETAC member, Nate Ubowski, will be a spotlight speaker at the Google Summit taking place in Boulder next week. Nate's contributions as a teacher and ETAC member have been exemplary in the district.

7:45 PM – ETAC Small Group Discussion

The ETAC yearly Board report will be presented at the Board meeting on October 22, 2015.

As part of that presentation the [ETAC charge for 2015-2016](#) will be presented. Brian Bostwick led the committee through a review of the charges. The committee unanimously endorsed the final draft of the charge.

Tonight's group activity will address, "What is an appropriate amount of screen time for students?" (Charge number 3). The group constructed an infographic by age-group using research from a website called Commonsense research. Each committee group reported out after the activity.

Ages 5-7:

1-2 hours is recommended. Try to find balance with the child.

Risks if too much screen time exposure include: possible vision problems, attention disorders, risk of stunted creativity, eye-hand coordination developmental risk. (evaluate mindless viewing vs substantial content viewing)

Social limitations and economic backgrounds seem to be the largest differentials.

Ages 8-9:

Quality of CONTENT matters more than the TIME spent watching. Parenting skills matter. Try to use child mistakes when going to an inappropriate site as a teachable moment. Parents should role model how to be a safe and purposeful technology user. Unstructured, creative playtime is still the best developmentally for children of this age.

Ages 10-13: (Tweens)

Be an involved parent at this age and know what your kids are doing. Make determinations as a family about what an appropriate screen time should be. Don't leave electronic devices in the child's bedroom overnight. Make sure there are filters on technology being used.

Ages Teens: (High Schoolers) Self regulation is now coming into play at this age. Parents shouldn't push too hard, but rather try to instill good healthy behaviors with technology time. Technology use is more critical for teens than younger age groups. Collaboration between parent and teen would be ideal so that an agreement about technology usage and time can be made.

Consideration: What is the technology is being used for?

- Connection: with others, collaboration
- Creativity: games etc.
- Context: for learning and research

**Next ETAC Meeting will be on
November 4, 2015**

There will be a presentation by East Elementary School

8:30 PM –Adjournment