

LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL SAC MINUTES  
December 16, 2015

1. Date: Dec. 16, 2015      START TIME: 1:34      END TIME: 3:04      PLACE: MOCR

2. MEMBERS:

- Current Members Present: Amy Oaks, Kaia Stulock, Emily Fuchs, Kevin Brooks, Kathy Prestel, Brisa Banuelos, Laura Sandstrom, Gavin Chavez, Michelle Vogt, Mary Quill, Sue Rodgers, Doug Kelley, Laura Griffin, Kathryn Allee, Allie Molinda,
- Absent: Sue Rodgers, Doug Kelley, Abbey Dexter
- Guests: Jan Rutty, Cathy Benton, Mike Puchino, Becky Reimers

3. NEW BUSINESS (this was voted on and agreed to present out of agenda order):

- Post Grad presented their programs. We were given a purple handout which listed the activities that were done during 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and those that were On-going through a student's high school career.
- There is an Open Door policy in Post Grad; anyone can come to visit, any parent, teacher or student. Jan and Becky are here 4 days out of 5 every week. They have 16 parent volunteers.
- Communication is done mainly through the LHS website and bulletin boards. They also send letters home to parents.
- NET classes are a big part of their job-these are the classes for First Generation Post Graduate Students. This year they had a trip to CU Denver for a campus tour. Also, some ELA learners went with Cathy Benton and Mary Quill to CU Denver. It was a great success! Next year they are looking at going to UNC.
- NET classes meet once a week, there are 4 sections of NET this year; main focus is to fill out applications for colleges—they have to fully apply to at least ONE college; usually 10-12 kids in a section.
- Jan and Becky are also had over 110 colleges come to our school during the fall. This year they opened it up to Juniors. College Week had 50 schools come here. Reservations through Naviance. College Info Night used to be in Jan, it was done in Sept this year and was open to everyone (might change name to Post Secondary Night).
- Senior year begins small group sessions of "life after LHS," there is a checklist they go over, also parents can be included if they want. Attendance rate for these meetings is about 80%.
- Lot of Financial Aid and Scholarship information are given at the small group sessions.
- Next step are to find ways to get 9<sup>th</sup> grade Advisement ICAP's to transfer into 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Also to find Non-College Post Grad opportunities: Military, Tech schools, 2 year schools etc...
- Amy has proposed a \$20,000 grant for more resources to focus on non-traditional paths. It would enable Jan to be here one more day to possibly run a NET type of class for those who are not going on to colleges. The grant is from Generation Schools Network.
- Mike P mentioned that the military comes in twice a semester to talk to the kids. Marines are the most consistent. Also, from now on, they will be invited to College Night. There is a new Military Bulletin Board set up. Mike mentioned that ASFAB tests are tough and many kids do not know what they need to study or what their scores need to be; there will be more info on that in the future.
- Kathy P asked the question "how much scholarship guidance do the students get?" Answer: they are directed at FAFSA, Pell Grants and school to school scholarships. Other than that, it is

up to the student to look for scholarships. They also point them towards Local Scholarships (Merkel etc..)

- Mike and Cathy B talked about Concurrent Enrollment next. Right now we have ACC and Metro as the two institutions we have a commitment with—they offer Auto-tech, Cosmetology, Science Tech, Drafting etc...
- Meetings start in Feb. to direct kids to these programs; registration can be done online, LPS District pays for 2 classes per semester, there are even some online classes that can be taken (no PE or Music), kids pay for fees and textbooks.
- Other ways to earn college credit include: taking AP or IB classes, working 30 hours in a trade related job=1 college credit—ONLY if in our Career Education program here at LHS (Connie Martin teaches), also a School to Work Alliance Program which helps find jobs which can equal college credit.
- Some thoughts for the future: *College grads come in to speak to NET classes, might do some college break-out sessions for 1<sup>st</sup> year parents, maybe meet with parents of sr parents to help facilitate the college process, change where Post Grad info is on the website (it is currently buried under Counseling), offer more post grad non-traditional info to ELA students and parents, MORE parent involvement across the board!, offer parent meetings at night-but have day care for young kids, have sessions in Spanish, or have sessions during off periods in the day (also provide day care), get sophomores involved in Naviance earlier, push jr sign up from spring to previous fall—to get more meeting times with them, more parent volunteers (we are down from previous years), NET-like classes for first year parents of colleges.*

#### 4. . REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES:

- Minutes accepted as IS—Kevin Brooks motion, Gavin 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed

#### 5. COMMITTEES:

- PTO: Great opening of the theater. December social was well attended by PTO and very nice. No new business.
- DAC: no report (two student have professed and interest, Amy will talk to them before our Jan. meeting)
- Student Affairs: Giving Snowman went great! We did evaluation of our officers. Tri-school is happening right after break-Jan. 8-9; all three LPS high schools meet at a hotel to discuss leadership and hear a motivational speaker, Winter Dance is also next semester-Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, finally we are starting our Make A Wish calendar and will be doing some great events starting at the Winter Dance pep rally.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Regarding our PR efforts: there are murals in new theater lobby, new paint outside of the attendance office, 5000 bookmarks were made for use at the middle and elementary schools, local businesses are being hit up to help sponsor events.
- The State has released info on the PARCC scores for students. Attendance rates were not so great, so it really isn't a good indicator of what our students can do.
- Eric Martinez, at Goddard, agreed to have LHS stuff in his store in their store. Our DECA will as well.

#### 7. ADJOURNEMENT:

- Laura Griffin moved to adjourn, Kathryn 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Adjourned at 3:04 pm.

