

# PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Boardroom - Education Services Center

9:15 a.m. Welcome

Becca Damiano,  
PPC President  
Crysti Copp  
PPC Vice President  
Diane Leiker,  
Staff Liaison,  
Director of  
Communications

9:30 a.m. Conversation with Superintendent

Brian Ewert,  
Superintendent

Please feel free to share any/all information that Brian gives in these meetings.

***Safety, Mental Health and Wellness in Littleton Public Schools*** community mailer

Publication coming to homes in November....48,000 mailboxes in the district and out-of-district families + all legislators + all school districts. The mailer is a summary of what is currently in LPS in the areas of physical safety and mental health.

## **Medical marijuana in schools**

Board of Education will hear from staff about a policy to allow medical marijuana in schools this Thursday (November 10) for kids with significant seizures and special needs. We are required by state law to allow for this specific need - a caregiver can come to the school to give oils/edibles to the child and then take the medical marijuana back out of the school. There is a long process for parents to be allowed to do this. Will not be an open door for smoking, etc. Policy will have very tight guidelines. Right now we do not have any students who fit this situation but possibly 1-2 in the next few years.

## **Budget Scrub**

ESC is under budget scrub to try to push funds out to system as a part of White Paper 2.0.

## **Questions:**

- After school activities are being explored for equity across schools. Principals have been asked what is going on at their schools to see if changes need to be made.
- Does weighted staffing still work? Equity of PTO's providing staffing points...
- 8th grade program at LHS? About 100 kids are initially interested (about 50% out of district). Will be a go if half of those sign up.

- Do we consider stopping/limiting open enrollment? Currently 25% of our district is open enrolled. If we closed it, we would probably have to close 2 elementary and 1 middle school. We have to manage it all (what does a full school really mean?) to keep all of our schools vibrant. Principals really make the decisions on “full” right now.

10:00 a.m. Board of Education Update

Jack Reutzel,  
Board of Education  
Liaison

### **White Paper 2.0:**

Allows for one time funds for curriculum refresh & technology. 2.0 includes some FTE's for some schools that needed more help. Not approved yet but will be worked into budget process in January. This \$11.5M is scheduled to last 4 years and would hold us until another mill levy could be presented to the community.

### **Passed Graduation Guidelines**

Policy to encourage and push district to have a variety of pathways to graduation. Multiple ways of showing competency and opportunities for real life experience (not pushing for early graduation).

### **Heard interim report on mental health & safety.**

Their highest priorities dovetail with what ESC says is important and is already doing.

*Screenager movie*, showing 12/1 at 6:30 at Littleton High, is about teenagers addicted to technology. Parents and teenagers are welcome, handouts available after.

10:20 a.m. PPC News

Diane Leiker

- 73% of eligible students took culture & climate survey! Many parents as well. Results will be shared with school leaders.
- Demographic study is ongoing at district (facility capacity, busing, open enrollment, etc)
- As a group we decided to forgo the traditional holiday social. We will have a regular meeting to continue sharing information and Brian will present his vision for PLCs. There will not be a meeting in January.

Becca Damiano

- Flyers for Av's night to take home today.
- Information about CO Gives day through LPSF. Need to meet with Beth to get your site set up.

- Golf Tournament raised ~\$10,000. Stride had biggest participation yet, \$\$ total is still being figured. Beth says thank you for all of your help & participation.
- Foundation does not want to compete with PTO's for funds. It helps schools in different ways and wants to partner with PTO's.
- BOE meeting Thursday 6:30
- 11/15 7:00 Poetry slam
- 11/17 shopping night at CO Frame & Savvy stuff for LPSF
- 11/26 Av's night

10:30 a.m.      **Graduation Requirements - Class of 2021**

Clay Abla  
Director of  
Secondary Ed

<http://www.littletonpublicschools.net/content/graduation>

Look beyond compliance with guidelines to what is best for our kids. These new guidelines are definitely more rigorous than what we have had in the past....they will push our kids to achieve even more.

They open up pathways for kids through our existing credit system. Added course replacement credit and credit waivers all in order to open up time for kids to take all the courses they want to. Help kids plan for the ICAP process. Implementing a seminar, in each high school, to help kids plan their classes with the end goal in mind. Also, provide resources so they can figure out what they want their end to be. IT is working to update Infinite Campus to have graduation guideline goals for high school and beyond to track. Kids engage in ICAP activities in middle school, but they "count" in high school.

Competencies - big difference now. Currently you earn by passing, showing competency in math & English is also required now. Many different options are available

This year's 8th graders can earn high school credit for classes taken in middle school that align with high school classes (class credit without GPA).

11:00 a.m.      Sharing Session:

The Group

11:30 a.m.      Adjourn

Distribution: PTO President Council  
Superintendent

Board of Education  
Principals

Superintendent's Expanded Team  
District VIPS Coordinator