

PTO President's Council Notes

November 14, 2017

9:15 am to 11:30 am

Boardroom- Education Services Center

9:15 Welcome

9:30 Conversation with the Superintendent- Brian Ewert

- Graduation venue workshop at the last board meeting. Hoping to move high school graduations to an indoor venue for several reasons: lack of parking (which will only get worse), possibility of weather causing graduation to move inside with very limited family attendance, capacity of the stadium, health concerns with the elderly and the heat, the amount of time it takes employees to set up and tear down three separate graduations. Looking at DU facility, as other high schools host graduations there. Exploring possibility of having all graduations on one day. Morning, midday and evening. More information will be available in the coming months; likely the first class to graduate indoors would be Class of 2019.
- Board meeting Thursday, November 16:
 - Workshop at 5pm with a significant presentation on early childhood education. Age 3-5. Begin exploring the possibility of free full day kindergarten districtwide and offer preschool for age 4 for at least half a day. This is a long-term project: 3 to 5 years down the road.
 - Long Range Planning Committee will present its report around potential changes in school start times. 3 options (see website). A recommendation will be made by the committee. There will be a discussion. The Board could take action on a change in December. Data from surveys will be available on Board Docs.
- Presentation November 27th- Dr. Bill Daggett- Different programming for kids to find different tracks for post graduate options. Held at South Fellowship Church. 8:30 a.m.
- Deputy Superintendent Connie Bouwman will be retiring at the end of the school year. Will post for an Assistant Superintendent. Hope to have a person hired in March.

10:00 Board of Education Update- Jim Stephens

- Approved and signed a Resolution that All Means All at a Board meeting in October. Heard a report on our Summer School Program for K-2 kids. Helps kids maintain skills over the summer. Had a 100 kids this past summer. Funded by grants right now.
- Will swear in our three returning Board members at the next meeting. Accept and Approve the financials.
- Long Range Planning Committee- Challenge is that we are a good school district but should we rest on our laurels and not change? Or should we change in hopes for even better results? These are the questions to consider.
- A list of books that is coming to the Board for approval. There are some controversial books.
- Tonight is the Poetry Slam at 7 p.m. at Ames. Appropriate for High School and maybe Middle School.

10:30 Tour and Conversation with LPS Security- Guy Grace

11:30 Adjourn

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