

PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

February 13, 2018 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Boardroom - Education Services Center

9:15 a.m. Welcome Crysti Copp, PPC President Julie Hopson, PPC Vice President Diane Leiker, Staff Liaison & Director of Communications

9:30 a.m. Conversation with Brian Ewert, Superintendent

Legislative information- Brian would like to speak with Accountability and PTOs over the next few months. Please contact him to schedule.

School Finance Formula: School Superintendents across Colorado worked on this. 178 (170 signed on) Districts trying to reach consensus on a new model of school funds distribution. House Bill 118-1232 has been introduced. This bill has no fiscal note attached. It would cost \$1.5-1.6 billion to enact it. It's student centric. It wouldn't be enacted until the State has the budget to do so. It would lay dormant until such time that the state has the money to fund. It has been assigned to the Education Committee. No revenue attached with it.

Citizens Ballot Initiative 93: This would be a revenue stream to fund the H.B. 118-1232, School Finance Formula Bill. Trying to get this initiative on the ballot. There are 35 Senate Districts in the state. Need 1500 signature from each district to get it on the ballot. There will be petitions to get the signatures. What does it mean for LPS?- \$20 million more for our district if this passes.

Brian will be talking to Denver Post about, "If you got the money what would you do?" LPS would take a look at staffing our schools. Reducing class size. Additional mental health providers. CTE pathways, early childhood education- universal preschool and full day kindergarten at all schools. Innovative Education- how should school be "done" in the future. How do we re-engage or engage all students in meaningful learning. Need to put money toward what that looks like at all grade levels.

Long Range Planning Committee: looking at LPS physical plant needs. May look at a bond initiative to fund. Aging buildings, infrastructure, turf fields, etc. Potential for us to create new CTE pathways.

Hired Dr. Tera Helmon for new Assistant Superintendent. Coming from Cherry Creek School District.

10:15 a.m. Board of Education Update Jim Stephens, Board of Education Liaison

Workshop in December- PLC update. Teachers came and spoke about how they are using them. Great strides have been made. The work varies by discipline, grade, etc.

December vote- change of start times passed. Working through the impact now. Moving forward.

Update on a new Special Education Program, NOVA. Working with a 3rd party company to bring Special Needs kids back to the district. This helps to bring them closer to home. Housed at the Village North building. The program is going well. We've brought 17 kids back so far.

Literacy programs: last year the Board approved a set of literacy resources for k-2, called Super Kids. Pilot program last year for 3-5. Grade 3 is a go forward. Grades 4-5 still piloting. Need to build because the kids are coming from lots of different methods. It will eventually trickle up.

Board workshop this past January. Thanked Brian and Diane for a quality program. They talked about the bigger future of education for LPS families. Look 15-20 years out. Having a discussion to create a district that can flex and grow as new information comes forth about needs of students in order to become career and college ready.

10:30 a.m. Announcements Copp, Hopson, Leiker

LPS Foundation would like PTO baskets for the Spirit Celebration. Minimum of a \$50 basket. Drop at ESC or contact Beth Best and she'll pick it up. Please by Friday March 30th. Please attend the event on April 14th! Tickets can be purchased on the LPS Foundation website.

Diane- We will need to elect a new PPC VP in April. Please think about if you would like to do this role.

Crysti went down to the Superintendent press conference in Denver last week. It was great to see all the superintendents fighting for the best for all Colorado kids. It was a powerful experience.

Julie sat on the hiring committee for the new Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services. It was a well-organized process. LPS had 9 great candidates. Tera Helmon was chosen by the Superintendent. She will be a terrific addition to the District.

10:50 a.m. Update on weekly PLCs, Clay Abla Director, Secondary Education

LPS PLCs meet weekly. They are guided by each individual PLC group and what they think their students need. Weekly meetings have turned into collaborative teams. There is a high value. UIP meetings are currently happening. District support staff is meeting with each school and learning how they are using PLCs. Weekly time has created a collaborative culture. The work continues throughout the days, weeks, and months. There's a focus on what kids are learning. This is a shift. Teachers can look at current data to be able to act on it. It is a timely process therefore more effective. Schools are more able to work with different schools as well. Heritage has a very complex intervention model. PLCs help facilitate this.

Effective PLCs:

Training teachers for more effective PLCs. Bringing in experts.

Creation of Common Formative Assessments- assessing along the way to grasp learning as it's happening. Each teacher uses the same test in the building. Summative is at the end. Goal is to have common formative assessments across the district. Example: All 5th grade math classes at every school would use the same common formative assessments.

Meeting regularly so data is fresh to adjust instruction to help child learning.

How can PPC help?: get information out to community about the benefits at your school, Could have teachers make statements about how PLCs are working to benefit them and/or their students.

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