

PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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

Introduced ourselves

9:30 a.m. **Conversation with the Superintendent**

Brian Ewert,
Superintendent

Forefront of Brian's mind: we've had a difficult start to the school year. "Reach out to the mental health providers in our district and say thank you." Had about 500 students who were helped after the student deaths. There continues to be support.

The administration, Board of Education and teachers are grieving with the community. We saved over 100 kids' lives last year through Safe To Tell program and other interventions. Two years ago, it was 200. We have a lot of programs. We will continue to work on this.

New program- **Sources of Strength** being implemented at the MS and HS levels. AHS is the first one on board with this new program. Started in North Dakota.

Planning a community meeting around social and mental health. Keynote will be an expert on teen suicide. The goal is to teach the community what is in place already at the schools and provide 40 different resources for attendees.

Later School Start Times- Community meetings around implementing later school start times fall of 2018. Four community meetings scheduled - one at each Middle School. Come in and learn about the research. Long Range Planning Committee will be there to answer questions. This is an open house. Come and go as you please.

This Thursday the Board will hear from a Sleep expert.

Purpose of Long Range Planning Committee: Long Range Facilities and Transportation planning, Bond opportunities in the future, research implementation of a later start time at schools. More information below.

This Friday there will be a letter from Brian about the rhetoric that is happening in our communities. Discrimination, hate language, racism, anti- Semitism, etc. "Please join me in creating a safe school environment. Tolerance of all kids no matter what."

Weekly PLC Rollout- Has gone very well. Childcare concerns have been and are being addressed. Overall positive experience.

The Gift of Failure presentation- Jessica Lahey at AHS tonight. How do we help our children fail successfully and be resilient? 7pm to 8:30pm

New program- NOVA at Village North. Kids with significant mental and physical needs have been placed in other out of district programs in the past. Now there is an opportunity for us to bring those kids back to the district. Contracted with a company to bring 15-18 kids back to have a program within the district. Brings them closer to home which is also helpful. Would like to watch how the program goes and grow it.

9:50 a.m. Board of Education Update

Jack Reutzel,
Board of Education Liaison

Believes we have a symbiotic relationships with parents, The Board and administration. The school is supposed educate your children. The school also needs to provide support to parents. Parents need to also be active in their children's lives. "We need parents to support and alert the schools so they then can be told when to step in and provide support."

Board Elections: 3 members up for re-election. Election cancelled because no one running against them. They were uncontested.

10:10 a.m. Introductions

The Group

Diane Leiker- Introduced the purpose of the group. We get Superintendent and Board Member updates. We share ideas, best practices, bring information to you.

Showed where to find information on website:

1) Explore tab- top navigation

Community Involvement

Advisory Committee

PTO President's Council (PPC)

PTO Presidents have a page- meeting dates, agendas, notes after meeting

There's Joint PTO Scholarship information -- the committee is looking for members.

Leadership materials are on the site and in the notebook

Hand outs will be put on the website rather than paper this year.

Contact info for Diane and Bill

Other site resources:

2) Explore tab

Programs-

Social, Emotional and Behavior link- brings you to all the resources.

3) Newsroom link top navigation bar

4) Community Involvement-

Advisory Committees

Long Range Planning Committee information

Form 990- We serve as an umbrella org. for all PTOs so we can file jointly rather than separately. Treasurers prepare information for the filing. This year we are moving to an online process. On September 18th, an email will be sent to PTO Presidents with an explanation and a link for them to link to. We will have a unique login and pw. We will download info and then upload our stuff. Pass this onto your Treasurer. This system should create an archive of the previous year. The email will be from Brian Mogg, our CPA. There will be an invoice sent to each PTO based on the amount of money your PTO is filing.

10:40 a.m. LPS Foundation Update

Beth Best,
Executive Director

Brenda Staab is your go to person!

Handed out info about the LPS Foundation

Video of a year in the life of LPS Foundation

Foundation raises money for ALL schools- district wide, levels the playing field for all schools

Willing to come and talk to your school about what they do

In partnership with schools not competition

Corporate match-The foundation will work as a pass through for your PTO so you may receive the funds. There will be a small fee to manage the pass through. \$5 or 5% of the parent portion of the match not the corporation's. The document will be on the PPC website and given to our Treasurer.

This year focusing on Elementary School STEM programs. Working with current standards and curriculum enhancement.

The Littleton Stride- Does your school have a captain to promote the event?

Registrations info.: go to foundation website for more info.

Back to School pricing through Sept. 21

22nd price goes up

Registration closes October 7th

Then can register morning of the race at a higher price

See website for costs.

11 a.m. Long Range Planning Committee Update

Diane Doney,
Assistant Superintendent of
Business Services/CFO

Bond update: HVAC, Security, IT, Fire Alarm, roofing – five areas improved in most or all schools

Large Runyon renovation
LHS- new boilers and athletic complex and theater remodel
District wide signage inside the building new numbering system

Long Range Planning Committee Charge- review the district physical plant, program capacity, enrollment boundaries, transportation routing, and major capital equipment requirements and determine what improvements to efficiency, sustainability, and infrastructure needs may be required during the next five to ten years.”

Current Outlook for Committee Work:

- Changing start times and operational implications.
- Transportation routing and efficiencies.
- Education program structure and effects on school size, efficiency, efficacy, and overall district goals.

Community meetings- information tables, conversation with committee members, no formal presentation, there will be a survey and questionnaire. Open House format
Wednesday, September 13, 4:30-6:30pm at Euclid MS
Monday, Sept. 25, 5-7pm Goddard MS
Wed, Sept 27, 6-8pm Newton MS
Friday, September 29, 5-7pm Powell MS

11:25 a.m. Food and Fundraising Moratorium Q&A

Diane Doney

Please talk to your Principal about your food fundraisers. Don't assume an activity is not allowed OR allowed. Please have your Principal reach out to Diane Doney about the activity. It may or may not fit the new guidelines. There are too many nuances to your food fundraisers to give a blanket statement of what is allowed and what isn't. Please note that the district wants you to be able to raise funds and will work with you on a case by case basis. In some instances, fine tuning your fundraiser just a bit will put the fundraiser back in compliance with the law/statute. The district's goal is to be in accordance with Federal and State Laws and Statutes. There are steep monetary consequences for not following the laws and statutes (\$150,000 was withheld from our food services).

11:50 a.m. Adjourn

Refreshments: *Courtesy of LPS Foundation--Thank You, Beth and Brenda!*

notes prepared by Julie Hopson, PPC Vice President