



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee- ETAC
Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2018**

**Chair: Madison Wacaser Chair-Elect: Julie Hopson Administrative Liaison: Mark Lindstone
Technology Director: Mike Porter**

**LOCATION:
Educational Services Center**

5:30 PM – Arrival

6:00 PM – Convene Meeting: Julie Hopson - ETAC Chair-Elect 2017-2018

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:02 PM –Celebrating Successes-Mr. Nick Garvin-LPS Graduate and Entrepreneur

The committee enjoyed a presentation from Mr. Nick Garvin, a graduate of Littleton High School. Mr Garvin was named one of Forbes 2018 thirty under thirty entrepreneurs. Mr. Garvin spoke of his schooling within LPS, and how teacher encouragement enhanced his engagement as a student, which in turn ignited many interests and passions. One among those passions was a car company called Tesla. Mr. Garvin decided to apply for a job with this firm. He researched the company intensively, and wanted to demonstrate to Tesla that he read, knew, and understood an inordinate amount of information about their company. His quandary was how could he document all the time he had invested to learn about their production and culture? This motivated him to create his student application called [Stackup](#). Stackup is a Chrome browser extension that tracks how long you spend, and how engaged you are, on websites of varying topics. Teachers can assign categories of sites to students, who then visit these sites and can accrue time and reward badges. Over time, this browsing data is aggregated within student profiles by subject area and is available to both students and teachers to assess activity and interests. In the classroom, this provides evidence that students have read assigned websites and/or have spent time online appropriately. It also offers users a way for students to keep track of their interests, organize their time online, and conduct self assessment and reflection. Based on user and teacher feedback, Mr. Garvin will continue to grow and refine Stackup as a valuable tool.

6:30 PM - Ms. Kelly Perez, Board of Education Liaison: Filling in for Robert Reichhardt

Kelly reminded the committee how easy it is for anyone to view what the Board is discussing using [Boarddocs](#).

All Powerpoints and other reports are included in the Board notes in this convenient application.

- Kelly reiterated reasons the Boards primary focus has been the changing schools start times.
- A presentation by Nate Thompson, Director of Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Services was shown at the last BOE meeting. The presentation was regarding the Nova Center program which concentrates on helping special needs kids within the district.
- The Board is also keeping close tabs on the changing high school graduation requirements. Implementation will take place in 2021.

6:35 PM - Reports and Discussion Items

Foundation Report: SAVE THE DATE! April 14th is the date to set aside for the Littleton Public Schools

Foundation [Spirit Celebration](#) being held at the Wildlife Experience in Lone Tree, CO. This year the theme is “take a walk on the wild side”. Please check out the fun activities in store at the Foundation website.

ITS Report: Mark Lindstone:

Superintendent’s School Proposed Finance Model: Colorado Superintendents are putting forward a proposal to “modernize” school funding which was proposed during a committee hearing at the Capitol on January 9. The proposal and its forthcoming bill were backed by 75 superintendents from large urban districts like Denver Public Schools to small rural districts like Agate School District, and more support for the proposal is expected to pour in through the end of the month. Needs and expectations placed on schools have exponentially outpaced the level of investment made in schools. The superintendent collective began meeting four years ago to connect on different issues impacting school districts. Eighteen months of work culminated in a proposal for a new funding formula that was presented to the Committee on School Finance. Colorado consistently ranks near the bottom for per-pupil spending. Littleton Public School Superintendent, Brian Ewert will be addressing the ETAC and many other committees throughout the district outlining the details of this proposal. [House bill 18-1232](#) proposed by Rep. Dave Young.

Colorado Statewide mill levy for education: Information will soon begin to emerge regarding a mill-levy for year 2019-2020. Please click on the link for more information.

New sexting law for minors: Taking effect in January of 2018-The bill allows a juvenile to petition the court to not impose sex offender registration if he or she is charged with sexual exploitation of a child and the juvenile's conduct satisfies posting a private image by a juvenile or possession of a private image by a juvenile. It is an affirmative defense to the two criminal offenses and the civil infraction if a juvenile is coerced, threatened, or intimidated into distributing, displaying, publishing, possessing, or exchanging a sexually explicit image of a person under 18 years of age. The court must order the records of any of the 2 criminal offenses or civil infraction expunged within 42 days of completion of the sentence or program. The violation can be expunged from a minor’s record before they are adults if they follow recommended corrections.

Mike Porter reported: LPS had a presence at the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) conference. Mr. Greg Sumlin, principal of the Phoenix Program, spoke about Yondr pouches at the conference. He was accompanied by Eliska Martinez who participates on our ETAC committee. Yondr pouches are used to house cell phones; making them inaccessible to students for enhanced focus on learning without distraction.

In June, there will be professional development opportunities offered to teachers. One of the trainings will focus on the superkids program, the other will be a technologies strategies training. More information about these will be forthcoming.

Transition students will begin an intern program twice a week in the I.T. department. They will help with the some simple programming components, and learn other basic tasks to earn certificates. The goal is to assist these students to become eligible to work at ARC or Goodwill where stripping computers for parts is part of employment.

7:00 PM Cyber Safety Conference Preparation

The Cyber Safety conference will be held on April 11, 2018 at the Ames Facility. Parents are encouraged to attend with their students. Historically, approximately 500 community members attend this event. There have been 3 breakout sessions at this conference; one session is with the Arapahoe County D.A. to focus on stranger danger, and sexual exploitation on the internet. Next, Nate Thompson gives a presentation on cyber parenting skills in the 21st century. Finally, the special highlight of the evening has been having a student panel talk about their cyber lives, and share that information with adults. New in 2018, will be a parent panel.

The committee broke into groups and discussed what topics and or issues parents could speak to parents about.

- Provide information regarding the new sexting law.
- Confrontation techniques when abuse is happening. (addressing addictive behaviors)
- How to set controls on your student's phone (Youtube especially) (How to use netnanny for control)
- Letting your student have his/her cell phone in the bedroom at night?
- Monitoring sleepovers
- Tools for lockdown, and tracking student's location
- Methods for keeping up with the technologies student's are using
- Chat rooms
- Best practices

8:00 PM –Adjournment