

PPC Meeting notes

Tuesday 2/9/2021

9:30am - 11:00am

Angela Christensen- Welcome

Joint PTO Scholarship contributions due by 2/12/2021.

Restaurant Nights/ Food Trucks - will send out information to the group for ideas of how to plan for fundraising, teacher appreciation, etc.

Desks for Kids- free of charge, made by a local non-profit organization with volunteers. Any students needing a desk while learning remotely from home?

Looking for a Vice President for PPC for next year. Please e-mail if you are interested. This is a 2-year commitment. Election will be held in April.

Brian Ewert- Superintendent

COVID update- still have many quarantines, they are manageable, only one school has closed since returning to school on January 5, 2021.

Vaccinations for educators, beginning on Monday 2/8. LPS has partnerships with Centura, UC Health, Kaiser, Childrens Hospital and soon will include Covid check Colorado. They have lists of staff.

So far 120 employees have completed both vaccinations.

It seems to be a random appointment process, they are trying to work thru the entire State of Colorado educators + individuals over 65 years old.

Starting to talk about a "Full Re-Start"- returning students at Middle School and High School to 5 days/ week in person. They will submit a plan to TriCounty and CDPHE to propose the re-start. TOPS was only a 1 year temporary option, so it will not exist next school year.

14 days after receiving 2nd dose is thought to be 90% effective in preventing COVID.

They are asking teachers to report when they receive the vaccine.

CMAS testing / debate at the State level - there are already other internal assessments about how COVID has affected learning this year. CDE is required to administer test unless they get a waiver.

Long Range Planning - working on Elementary Schools to be combined. Board of Education to review and make decisions about East / Moody and Peabody / Twain.

They are planning for "In-Person" graduation at the LPS Stadium. There will be limited tickets.

Lindley McCrary- Interim Board of Education Liaison

Interviewing candidates to take the open Board position. This will be a virtual process / they will each ask one question of each applicant. They will plan to make a final decision by the 2/25/2021 meeting.

There is an on-going budget conversation. The workshop before the BOE meeting on 2/25 will discuss the budget.

Elementary School consolidations - Anyone can reach out to board members at any time to share thoughts and concerns. You can also e-mail the Long Range Planning Committee with questions and concerns. Amanda Clark - aclark@lps.k12.co.us

Dr. Mary Shay - Director of Innovation, Equity and Learning

Career Exploration Center (place holder until title is decided on)-
They have selected Architect to begin plans for reinventing the space.
Scheduled to open Fall of 2023.

This is an excellent way for students to begin exploring opportunities while they are still in High School about different fields and careers for after High School.

The career paths that have been identified will include:

- Aerospace
- Computer Science
- Construction Trades
- Health Care
- Entrepreneurship
- Natural Resources

There has been a lot of research done about what are high paying careers in this area that are in high demand.

There is a CEC Steering Committee. They have come up with a draft of the "Vision Statement". They will be having "Visioning Sessions" which will include parents, teachers, students.

Transportation will be provided from all the High Schools within the district to make sure all students have access to classes.

There will be concurrent enrollment opportunities as well.

Beth Best- Executive Director LPS Foundation

They were able to fund ALL grant requests received from the TOPS program (postcards, stamps, yard signs, etc.)

Chick Fil A at Aspen Grove has offered to host restaurant nights for fundraisers for schools. Spirit Celebration- will be a virtual event on 4/29/2021. Will be a 45 minute event. Registration is free.

Each PTO will donate a basket for the silent auction. Due 3/26. Should be worth min. \$50, max \$250.

