

PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Boardroom, Education Services Center

5776 S. Crocker Street

Littleton, CO 80120

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Sarah Beezley, PPC President
Crysti Copp, PPC Vice President
Diane Leiker
PPC Staff Liaison &
LPS Chief Communications Officer

9:35 a.m. Conversation with the Superintendent

Brian Ewert
Superintendent

There will be a Board of Education election on November 2. There are 5 candidates running for 3 seats. Ballots will be in mailboxes around October 11. Introduction of all Board candidates (later in the meeting Diane showed PPC where to find information: Announcements section of district website homepage). There will be two in-person/live-streamed Board Candidate Forums to answer community questions: October 6, 6:30–8:30 p.m. and October 20 (sponsored by the District Accountability Committee), 7:00–9:00 p.m.

The Board of Education has been updated on some bond work. Architectural designs are being finalized for the Career Exploration Center (CEC), and career pathways/program development is underway with a planned opening fall of 2023. Take a look at the renderings and the update on [BoardDocs](#). Franklin campus is going to be the site of the new school for kids in Highland/Twain/Franklin catchment, opening in the fall of 2022 (being named at the November 11 Board meeting). The new school's gym and cafeteria are already being built, and the old Franklin building will be demolished soon. The initial stages of planning for the new school on the Moody property for the Moody/East catchment areas (fall 2023 opening) are underway. The district is working with a consultant with expertise in community engagement for what will be housed in the East Elementary building once the East students move out (City of Littleton, non-profits, etc.). Consultant's plan will probably go to the Board in November or December. In the fall of 2023, The Village North will be consolidated with The Village at Highland for the Highland Early Childhood Education Center.

There will be a public grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dr. Justina Ford Elementary School and Newton Middle School on September 24 at 4:30 p.m. (Ford) and 6:15 p.m. (Newton). Both events will include a tour of the building.

There is a community resource fair taking place on Saturday, September 18. More information can be found in the LPS Latest newsletter that went out on September 2, 2021 or in the Announcements section of the district's homepage.

9:55 a.m. Board of Education Update

Angela Christensen
Board of Education Liaison

Angela has been on PPC for 8 years and is now Board liaison. The Board has been given a number of presentations over the past couple of months: CEC, summer school (largest summer school program we've ever had; we caught a lot of kids up and supported them where they need to be supported). Naming the new

school on the Franklin campus will happen in November. Thank you for inviting the Board to events happening in the schools!

10:15 a.m. Introductions

The Group

Sarah and Crysti

10:30 a.m. LPS Foundation Update

Beth Best, Executive Director,
LPS Foundation

Kelly James will be joining the LPS Foundation team. She's going to be doing marketing and design for the Foundation.

The LPS Foundation is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year! During this time, the Foundation has impacted thousands of students and given over \$8 million back to schools (see [Total Giving for 2020–2021 Handout](#)).

The Foundation is increasing their budget for teacher grants to \$100,000 this year. A list of past grant winners and how to apply for a grant can be found on the [LPS Foundation website](#). Any LPS employee can apply for the grant of up to \$1,000, but the grant must fund something that educates children.

The Foundation is actively reaching out to the community and industry partners for the CEC and community center at East.

Staff wellness is being added as a Foundation focus this year.

The Foundation and PTOs have a [partnership with Skate City](#). Every time a student signs up for a skate class, their school's PTO gets \$5 and the Foundation gets \$5.

The Stride is coming up, will be in-person AND virtual on Sunday, October 24. Get more information at [runthestrade.com](#). The Foundation is looking for volunteers as well as corporate partners/sponsors. There will be a wellness expo taking place at the start/finish line, but no school tents will be present this year due to the need to keep everything spaced out.

10:40 a.m. A little bit about PPC

Sarah, Crysti, Diane

What is PPC, topics to cover this year,
online resources

Diane provided an introduction to PPC, the council's purpose, and how we can all support each other.

A survey will be coming soon regarding meeting formats for this school year.

Littleton Public Schools PTO formally exists with the IRS, and all PTOs exist under that umbrella. Each PTO is required to submit a Form 990 (revenues and expenditures for nonprofit). We work with Bryan Mogg's office to compile and submit the forms together.

11:00 a.m. Goals for this year

Sarah and Crysti

- Build relationships
- Strengthen PTO partnerships in alignment with district refocus on equity
- Share best thinking with one another

We are going to revisit this at a future meeting.