

# PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

**Virtual Only**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.



**Wear your festive holiday sweaters/hats!**



**9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**Sarah Beezley**

President

**Crysti Copp**

Vice President

**Diane Leiker**

PPC Staff Liaison &

LPS Chief Communications Officer

A new director of Security & Emergency Planning for LPS has been hired. Bob Spinuzza is from Palm Springs; welcome to LPS, Bob!

AHS weight room fundraiser - please see text at the bottom of notes

**9:30 a.m.**

**Board of Education Update**

**Robert Reichardt**

Board of Education Liaison

Robert selected PPC for his final 2 years on a district level committee. He wants to build relationships and communication between the Board and our group.

The Board has been very busy over the past 3 years; 3 new board members were recently elected. All attended the CASB conference and had a Board retreat to get to know each other. They are starting work on the budget now; it is looking better than recent years. LPS has freed up some staffing dollars from consolidating elementary schools, which gives some new flexibility.

New schools have been named: the new elementary school on the old Franklin campus is named Gudy Gaskill Elementary School after a local female environmental leader instrumental in establishing the Colorado Trail; the new elementary school to be built on the current Ralph Moody campus will be named Little Raven Elementary School after a Chief of an Arapaho tribe who worked for peaceful existence.

Raised property taxes in CO due to 4C and state school finance adjustment. State change reduces pressure on the state for their share of school funding, won't make much of a difference for what we get in LPS. 4C will affect our budget and we will have decisions to make on how to spend it, as it is one-time (not ongoing) money.

Robert welcomes input from our group to the board email ([boardofeducation@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:boardofeducation@lps.k12.co.us)).

**9:50 a.m.**

**Equity in LPS**

*What is it? How can we see it in our schools?*

*How can PTOs look at their practices*

*through an equity lens?*

**Melissa Cooper**

Assistant Superintendent of  
Learning Services

Melissa gave a [great presentation](#) on what Learning Services is working on in terms of equity and how LPS is working to meet all students where they are with what they need districtwide.

How can PTOs think differently/more inclusively about what we are doing?

**10:50 a.m. LPS Foundation Update**

**Beth Best**

LPSF Executive Director

Colorado Gives Day was our best ever! 13 schools built pages and raised \$20 to \$5300, totalling just over \$21K. Total LPS Foundation goal was \$100K and with matching funds was able to raise \$130K! There were 576 individual donors.

Kelly James will be sending out an email to the 13 schools asking for some information about the checks, please respond.

Email will go out today with the profit sharing tickets for Nuggets, Avs, Buffs and Littleton Town Theater.

**11:00 a.m. Adjourn**

**Attention all current and future Arapahoe Warriors families! Arapahoe HS is renovating the weight room to make a state-of-the-art facility for all current and future warriors! We need help though. To help fundraise, we have a wonderful and creative holiday gift idea for you! Arapahoe is making commemorative bricks available for purchase, in order to benefit the school weight room renovation! These laser engraved bricks will be placed outside of the weight room and can hold any message you desire for future generations to see. Remembrance of a loved one, a special message, or even an acknowledgement of a donating family are all examples of bricks that have been sold.**

**Direct donations can also be made to help benefit current and future warriors.**

**Visit [ahswarriors.org](http://ahswarriors.org) and click link on left hand side or visit <https://awbo.givingfuel.com/arapahoe-warrior-performance-center> for more information.**

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