

# PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Boardroom, Education Services Center

5776 S. Crocker Street

Littleton, CO 80120

## In-Person Only

Please try to send an alternate member of your school's PTO leadership team if the president cannot attend in person. Remember to check in at the front desk upon arrival.

9:30 a.m.      **Welcome**

**Crysti Copp**

President

**Rachel Whittlesey**

Vice President

**Diane Leiker**

PPC Staff Liaison &

LPS Chief Communications Officer

- Superintendent search with HYA - job vacancy has been posted on HYA website, and will post nationally in Mid-November
  - Postcards were sent to community with survey link as well as focus group interest
  - High School students will also have focus groups and survey
  - Report will be compiled and presented to BOE December 8
  - Hope to have new superintendent named by March 9

9:35 am.      **Conversation with the Superintendent**

**Brian Ewert**

Superintendent

- Bond Update
  - Newton Junior Stadium construction underway - locker rooms and concessions on north, stands on south, track outline in place - hopeful to be done by end of May
  - Highland Early Childhood Center underway - west playground being funded by LPS Foundation grant, classrooms being renovated, old library will be indoor playground
  - Moody has been taken down and structure of Little Raven is underway - Denver Water and Xcel Energy delays currently, as well as groundwater utilities
  - Hope to close out this current bond in next 12-18 months
  - Secure vestibules for current buildings
  - Debt will be paid down around 2028 and then at that time they will decide whether to go back to voters for additional bonds
- Proposal to BOE regarding classified pay structure (hourly employees) - hopeful to get to \$17.70 up from \$16.02 - trying to come up with way to compete with the current economy
- EPIC Campus funding coming from Bond fund (property and infrastructure) and mill levy override (for operations and tech) to continue being funded in perpetuity
- Staffing Formulas for FTEs from from 2008/09 are on track to be coming back from what it has been recently (had changed during recession)

**10:05 a.m. Board of Education Update**

**Robert Reichardt**  
Board of Education member

- BOE working more to engage with students - had first workshop with Heritage students last month
- BOE had special workshop on LGBTQ procedures incorporating state guidance, Title 9, etc.
  - follow CHSA guidelines for sports (compete in gender they identify as)
- Boundary update
  - LRP recommended that BOE not make any boundary changes for upcoming school year
  - Board member recommendation to change attendance boundaries
    - Ford, Lenski and Sandburg all full - to move students out of Ford requires bussing a long distance or moving other students
    - Suggestion to move Sandburg neighborhoods to Hopkins and move some Ford neighborhoods to Sandburg
      - Provides a hopefully long term solution where Hopkins, Sandburg, Ford, Lenski are all full but none overcrowded
    - Options will come out to community 11/8
  - Board recognizes any decision is difficult at this time
  - BOE plans to make decision before holiday break

**10:30 a.m. Something EPIC Is Coming!**

*An update about this exciting addition to high school offerings*

**Travis Amonson**  
*Principal, EPIC Campus*

- Students still enrolled in home high school - EPIC is only for a portion of their schedule (2 of 8 blocks)
- Transportation will be provided between high schools
- Have recommended courses for 9th and 10th grade if they are interested in coming to EPIC later (on EPIC website)
- Will be offering as much concurrent enrollment (college course) as possible
- Will offer industry certifications (e.g. construction trades - OSHA 10)
- Will receive content credit (language arts, math, etc.) that will go towards high school graduation
- Will offer work based learning to get kids out on actual job sites
- Will be for all LPS students: those looking for trade routes, apprenticeship routes, those looking for advanced start on certain college or career paths as well
- Summer opportunities will be available
- Exploring week long middle school classes
- Tours for students will begin next year

**11:10 a.m. LPS Foundation Update**

**Beth Best**  
Executive Director, LPS Foundation

- STRIDE was huge success - over 2,000 attendees, almost 300 volunteers
- 90 applications for grants for teachers currently being reviewed (\$115,000 will be awarded, \$154,000 requested)
- CO Gives webpages can be created now, promotions will start soon
- Avalanche - Jan 2 date almost sold out, Dec 19th date has more availability
- Nuggets Nights - Jan. 11, 15 22nd
- Colorado Frame and Savvy Stuff - Dec 3-4 weekend will donate 15% to LPSF if you mention the Foundation

**11:30 a.m. Adjourn**

**Please feel free to bring your own coffee, snacks, etc.**

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