

# PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.–11:00 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

**Rachel Whittlesey**

President

**Michelle Docter**

Vice President

**Diane Leiker**

PPC Staff Liaison &

LPS Chief Communications Officer

9:35 a.m.      Conversation with the Superintendent

**Todd Lambert**

Superintendent

- Background
  - Dr. Lambert shared a little of his background. [You can learn more on his webpage.](#)
    - Started career in elementary, went to high school and then district leadership
    - Two kids in their 20s
    - Wife is a teacher
  - 3.5 months in - just trying to meet everyone and learn about the community
    - Trying to learn as much as he can about LPS
  - Challenges in district
    - Transportation - understands how important it is and director of transportation is extremely dedicated to workable solutions
      - Going to continue to hire and doing the best they can
      - Trying to entice people to apply - we have more routes than available people to drive the routes
      - Trying to be most efficient with their routes (consolidate and shorten distances and stops)
      - Taking this into consideration with long-range planning and boundaries
      - Delayed bus routes
        - LPS Administration office staff is rotating to schools to help supervise students that have to stay at school longer waiting for the bus
    - Little Raven - closing in on finishing construction
      - Weather and Denver Water were the biggest impacts
    - Long-Range Planning
      - Will look at bus routes when discussing boundary changes
      - They look at a lot of different factors when making recommendations

- Put together in 2017
- Most of the committee is still there from 2017
  - They were all chosen based on representing different stakeholder groups (various district committees; senior volunteers; charter schools; construction industry; etc.)
  - Community input nights are coming up soon - info on website

**9:50 a.m. Board of Education Update**

**Robert Reichardt**

Board of Education Liaison

- Been on Board for 8 years and about to term out
- Use PPC to help bring information back to schools and find people to join the Board
- 2 people up for election this year
  - One person running for re-election (Lindley McCrary)
  - 4 people running for the Board seats
    - We will get information about candidate forums
      - Wed., Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. - in boardroom and will be a live stream
      - Oct. 18-District Accountability Committee 7 p.m.
- PTOs having candidate forums are encouraged to invite all candidates to the event
- Long-Range Planning Committee—Overcrowding at Ford Elementary and under-enrollment at Powell are two key concerns
  - Postponed decision last year in order to have the best data possible
  - Changes could be put in place for next fall
  - Baby bust in 2009 - many CO districts have decreasing enrollment
    - We don't have good data on family makeup for people moving into the district
    - We get 20% of our kids from out-of-district
- First new superintendent in 8 years
  - Board feels that Todd has done a great job in the transition

**10:00 a.m. Getting to know each other**

**Rachel Whittlesey**

**10:20 a.m. Introduction to PPC**

**Diane Leiker**

*What is PPC?*

- Umbrella organization for all of the PTOs and allows us to file form 990 with the IRS together
- Bryan Mogg and Associates will work with the treasures

*What are our goals?*

- Support group and allows us to share information between PTOs
- Key Communicator for LPS and we want you to take information learned here back to your school communities

*What do members gain from the meetings?*

- Only district committee that has the superintendent on every agenda
- Very important to the BOE
- Meet monthly from Sept - May (no January)

*Where are our online resources?*

- <https://littletonpublicschools.net/pto-presidents-council-ppc>

*Election Dos and Don'ts*

- See handout from Diane; also posted on website in "Meeting Resources" section

\*\*Nutrition services - Jessica Gould - check with her about food-related events during the day

\*\*Karen Fast, LPS's Risk Manager (for contracts for food trucks, inflatables, etc.)

**10:45 a.m. LPS Foundation Update**

**Stefanie Carroll, Brenda Staab, Kelly James**  
LPS Foundation

- Stefanie - comes to LPS with 20 years of non-profit experience
- What the Foundation does
  - Raise money to fill gaps in the district budget
  - Supports
    - Mental health
    - Health and wellness
    - Technology
    - Crisis management
    - Educator grants
    - Career development
  - Cost-share on LPS sports nights
  - PTOs get to share Colorado Gives page
- Upcoming events
  - STRIDE - please talk to students and staff about participating
    - 5K, 10K, and kid fun run
    - \$10K to schools on day of Stride for health and wellness (school spirit, participation, increased participation)
    - Sunday, Oct 29
    - School captain is encouraged to set up a tent - set up by 7:00 a.m. (parking opens at 6:15 a.m.)
    - If kids need help to pay for registration, email Stefanie or Kelly
    - Prices go up Oct 1
  - Rockies tickets - Sept 29 (fireworks show)
  - Rapids - Sept 30

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

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

Distribution: PTO President Council, Board of Education, Superintendent's Expanded Team, Principals, District VIPS Coordinator