

PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We are excited to have our December meeting at the EPIC Campus!

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Rachel Whittlesey

President

Michelle Docter

Vice President

Diane Leiker

PPC Staff Liaison &

LPS Chief Communications Officer

- Welcome Joan Anderssen

9:35 a.m. Conversation with the Superintendent

Todd Lambert

Superintendent

- School year shift
 - Boundaries and Board election shifted focus at the beginning of the year
 - Legislative session
 - CO Association of School Boards (CASB) convention
 - 4 of 12 kids in leadership were from LPS - including the kid that heads the group
 - Lindley was elected CASB President
 - Biggest issues deal with the funding formula
 - Districts are meeting and really picks up in March to make sure we are funded correctly
 - Most CO districts are rural and therefore makes the funding formula tricky
 - PLCs
 - Teachers come together in a formative process
 - Helps kids in a positive way - all kids benefit
 - A lot of principals/staff have come into the district since the first PLC training and now LPS is working with the principals to make sure they all have the training
 - Transportation
 - New drivers hired
 - By first week of January - all bus routes are good

9:50 a.m. Board of Education Update

Joan Anderssen

Board of Education Liaison

- Election results are in
 - Chérie and Lindley elected
- CASB Convention
 - CO not funded well and looking at what we are going to do since Prop HH didn't pass
 - Be in touch with your house rep/state senator to tell them that school finance is important

- Working on Board priorities

10:00 a.m. EPIC Campus update

Travis Amonson, EPIC Principal

EPIC Principal Travis Amonson will provide us with an update: how has the first semester gone? What's coming next? Current EPIC students may join us for this conversation.

- Started in August with 750 students
 - Great start and big learning curve
 - 7 pathways and within those pathways there are several tracks
 - Try to offer classes that are different from the ways the home high schools are teaching similar subjects
 - Provide concurrent enrollment, internships and work-based learning
 - Tons of industry involvement
 - 800+ students for second semester
 - Mostly juniors and seniors at EPIC
 - Transportation between the schools has been great
 - Working through a few challenges with the scheduling between the high schools and EPIC (EPIC classes are a double period)

10:45 a.m. LPS Foundation Update

Stefanie Carroll, Brenda Staab, Kelly James
LPS Foundation

- Successful CO gives day
 - Goal \$181K - donations can still be collected until end of December
 - Jan 25 is when Foundation gets money and it will go to schools at the beginning of Feb
- Foundation newsletter comes out today with all the event dates
- Spirit Night - April 12 - "Building a Bright Future" (legos and construction)
 - \$175 tickets
 - Will ask for baskets again - please do not stress
 - Theme baskets work best
 - Due 3/15/24
- August 9, 2024 - golf tournament
- October 27, 2024 - Stride

11:00 a.m. Adjourn