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PTO PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Thursday, September 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Boardroom, Education Services Center

5776 S. Crocker Street

Littleton, CO 80120

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Michelle Docter,
President

Liz Glenn
Vice President

Diane Leiker
PPC Staff Liaison &
LPS Chief Communications Officer

9:35 a.m. Superintendent and Board Meeting Updates

Todd Lambert
Superintendent
Joan Anderssen
Board of Education Liaison

Todd Lambert

School Performance Framework rating for LPS:

Our score increased from last year to 70.8 (74 needed for “Accredited with Distinction”). LPS is in the top 3 percent of school districts in the state. For the first time in 4 years, our growth numbers increased in all student subgroups: students on IEPs, students in poverty, minority students, and English learners. ALL MEANS ALL is working! The Learning Services team will be presenting to the Board identifying our successes and areas for growth and improvement.

Coming up in Board meetings:

First reading on updated open enrollment policy on September 12; second reading and possible action on September 26.

Long-Range Planning:

Long-Range Planning Committee adjustments: team will no longer stand up for one identified issue. They will instead meet quarterly and have a team of advisors (realtors, demographers, etc.). The Committee will be a roughly 16-member team, and will be geographically represented. There will be a transparent application process. Board presentation around this in October. This way, when an issue comes up, the Committee is ready and informed.

Graduation requirements:

Updating requirements for the Class of 2029 and onward. We will no longer have separate requirements at different high schools. Math requirements will be updated to be in line with what is happening (currently require 2 years of math but most students are taking 3 or 4 years). Board of Education Workshop around graduation requirements at 5:00 p.m. on September 12 (open to the public).

Littleton High School football:

LHS's football team is continuing. They have their first game tonight with the biggest team they've had in 4 years.

Discussion about open enrollment, school size, bond election in 2028 and what this means for school replacement and deferred maintenance.

Joan Anderssen

Special Session for the Legislature:

Hoping to pull initiatives 50 and 108 off the ballot (they are citizen initiatives regarding property taxes). Hard to know about the financial impact of 50; 108 will heavily impact school funding in a negative way. Property tax rates were lowered as a result of the special session, and it will be a couple of weeks before we know impacts.

Initiative 138 will be on the ballot. It's around "parent choice" and it's a private school voucher initiative. Not sure whether it's constitutional; may go to the Supreme Court.

Centennial Stadium:

AHS freshmen were playing Mountain Vista freshmen football and it was great. The field is beautiful.

9:50 a.m. Getting to know each other

Michelle Docter

10:20 a.m. Introduction to PPC

Diane Leiker

Welcome! PPC is an advisory committee without a charge from the Board of Education. It's a great support/mentoring group for each other as PTO Presidents. PPC often gets to hear district news first since we hear from the Superintendent and Board of Education at every meeting. We rely on PPC to be LPS's eyes, ears, and voice out in the schools and the community.

Diane walked the committee through finding resources for PPC on the website as well as how to access Board of Education streaming and materials.

Updates regarding communication change during security protocols.

10:45 a.m. LPS Foundation Update

Stefanie Carroll, Kelly James, Kristin Byrne
LPS Foundation

Introductions of team members.

LPS Foundation exists solely to raise funds for LPS schools and give those funds back to the schools. Money goes to all students at all schools. Materials were distributed regarding areas of support.

The Foundation would love support for a couple of upcoming events:

- Rockies weekend on September 28 and 29.
- Theatre night on October 5 at the Town Hall Arts Center. Performance of Jersey Boys. \$5 for each ticket sold with a high school affiliation will go back to that high school's theatre program.
- The Stride. \$13K grants back to schools related to health and wellness. This year, the school with the highest percentage participation will get a \$2K grant.
 - Presenting sponsors will allow for any student who wants to participate in The Stride to be able to register for free.

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