

1st BAC Meeting

9/20/18

IN ATTENDANCE:

- James O'Tremba - principal
- Kevin Wood - teacher
- Debbie Alles- teacher
- Maribeth Natale - parent
- Missy Crew - parent
- Kerry Rodrigue - teacher
- Ilka Omdahl - teacher
- Krista Krikke - teacher/parent
- Megan Oaster - teacher/parent
- Leslie Gardner - teacher/parent
- Elizabeth Weishaupt- parent
- Erin Miller - parent

James made introductions and discussed the purposes of BAC. Elizabeth W. will be our DAC liaison.

The bond was referenced, as was the need for people to serve on potential building committees for the potential new building. There are plans on the district website (artist's renderings) of the new building. Committee members are trusted to spread the important information that is shared in these meetings to their communities. They also need to bring concerns they've heard in the community to the table so clarification and information can be shared. Budgets and staffing are always addressed in this committee, and topics are also addressed that are brought up by committee members.

NMS is currently developing a new UIP (Unified Improvement Plan). The UIP is a 3 year process, and it's re-done every 3 years. The administration and instructional coach begin writing the UIP, then the ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) gives input, then staff, then the BAC in October. Also, on October 4th at 7pm, Brain Ewert will be here at NMS to discuss the bond and Amendment 73 with any interested community members.

James discussed the importance of PTO and the money that's been raised for building improvements that are not covered in our current budget. Examples are re-doing the gym floor, mini theater seats, sound systems in the gym, mini theater, and cafeteria, drop down screens, new Smart Boards, etc. He emphasized that PTO money is only used for projects that will benefit all kids, not just a sub-set.

James opened the floor for group suggestions regarding future agenda items. None were suggested at this time, but may be later. The UIP will be the main agenda item in October.

Elizabeth went over the DAC (District Accountability Committee) meeting from last night. Amendment 73 was brought up yesterday, and these were some of the main points:

- In District 6, we are 11 million behind in funding due us, so LPS has added 12 million of our own district money to make that up.
- If Amendment 73 passes, we should be able to cover that shortfall.
- 4A is the name of the bond for District 6. Part of the bond would go to build a new NMS and a new junior stadium, amongst other things.
- Bond will also address the transportation issues.

At the DAC meeting last night, a BOE member reported they've been working on long range planning this year. Some of the things implemented thus far are:

- LPS has already purchased the former Schomp property by LHS that will eventually be called the Innovation Center. It will have a Pathways to Learn program there, including automotive vocational pathways. There will be a 3 year cycle of reducing leases until we have the full property.
- LPS's social emotional department is looking for more funding for support their suicide prevention programs, mental health programs, and substance abuse prevention programs.
- The district continues to be Accredited with Distinction.
- The Phoenix Program (expulsion alternative) hosts 11 students, and this year there were no drop-outs and there were 2 successful graduates.

Leslie Gardner would like this committee or PTO to video themselves reading aloud picture books to be used for social/emotional learning. She'd provide the books, and the videos would be used during No Place for Hate lessons in homeroom. Colorado Lawyers Committee was brought up as a possible source of funding. Potential celebrity readers were also discussed. James commended Leslie and Makendra Silverman for being names the #1 No Place for Hate middle school in Colorado for the 2017-2018 school year.