

## **BAC Meeting**

### **9/17/2020**

#### **Welcome/Introductions: *James***

- 16 people attended this meeting; attendance taken, introductions done
  - Mary Natale, Melisa Roth, Kevin Wood, Jenn Delany, Larry Graham, Kandy Timinski, Angie Martordella, Cameron Morgan, Carrie Napolilli, Christina Wu, Julie DeSantis, Maureen Bennett, Megan Oaster, Noah Muteb, Shawna McGuckin (DAC representative for NMS), James O'Tremba
- The hope is to have future meetings in the mini-theater if possible.

#### **NMS Accountability Summary: *James***

- This is a place for information, a place to give feedback, and a place to share ideas. It is an informal committee that works in an advisory capacity.
- This is also a committee that shares information and is a positive ambassador for NMS in our community.
- There is still a need for more NMS PTO members!
- NMS does have a partnership with the credit union next door, and there is potential for a partnership with The Salvation Army. Funds from our credit union partnership (shred-a-thon fundraiser) is helping pay for part of the climbing wall in the new building!

#### **DAC Updates: *Shawna***

- The DAC is an advisory committee at the district level.
- Restart 2020
  - TOPS challenges
  - Stressors for staff, students, and families
- Robert R. went over the \$4million budget cut that's happening this year.
  - TOPS hiring did not come out of the LPS budget.
  - There is projected a 2021/2022 budget cut between \$9million and \$14million.
  - There is a mill levy override on the ballot this fall that would give \$12million dollars to the district.
  - Discussion around the boundary changes for elementary schools, Ames Elementary progress
- Reopening challenges
  - 1700 students are currently enrolled in TOPS. LPS is still working on hiring more staff and they are learning the new curriculum.
  - Current teachers and staff need support, as do students
  - It's unknown if the hybrid model will continue

- Next meeting is 10/21/2020
- Comments from James about DAC topics:
  - TOPS
    - 101 students from NMS are at TOPS, and another approximately 40-50 students are doing online/other. There are currently 495 students at NMS.
  - Boundary Changes/Open Enrollment
    - Students who are currently at NMS are “safe;” this mostly impacts incoming 6th grade students and new open-enrolls.
    - 200 (1/3 of NMS) is currently open-enrolled from out of district.
    - The boundary changes means that NMS would be up to 700-750 students. When you add the open-enrolled students, NMS could have 850 students in the fall of 2021.
    - This will make open-enrollment challenging for the fall as the new building is supposed to serve 800 students.
    - After the boundary change, GMS will be the smallest middle school, and NMS will be the largest. PMS will be slightly smaller than NMS, and EMS will stay the same. NMS will become the largest.
  - Staffing
    - In LPS, approximately 80 to 85% of our budget goes towards staff.
    - Possible cuts are expected even if the mill levy passes.
    - Even with potential cuts, NMS may gain staffing due to our expected increase in students.

**Brian Ewert Budget Meeting: *James***

- This will be at 5pm and will take about 1 and 1 ½ hours. James will send out the link to this meeting tomorrow.
- If you can't come to the NMS meeting, you can join any other meeting. Look under “Budget Matters” on the LPS website for other dates and presentation notes.

**Agenda Topics Discussion: *James***

- Rolling agenda items:
  - New building
  - Open-enrollment
  - Staffing/budget

**Items from the Group: *Any committee member***

- New building update?

- The new building potentially has more square footage than any of our LPS high schools.
- There are updates on the NMS building project on the LPS website.
- June 9th is the current expected completion date. This is on or ahead of schedule!
- Meetings are scheduled on Tuesdays to pick furniture for every segment of the school.
- There is a district center for professional development, the NOVA program, and NMS all in the new building. The BEST program will also be added in at the new building.
- It will be July or August before teachers can start moving into the new building. Teacher boxes will be stored at NMS until the move-in is complete.
- What's the security going to be like in the new building?
  - Arapahoe County Sheriff's office and LPS Security were both involved in helping with the security plans around the new building.
  - James will keep the committee updated as the year progresses.
- Will we be going back to in-person school soon?
  - Currently it is expected that we'll do hybrid until the end of this semester.
  - The hope is to get back to fully in-person in January, but this is still up in the air and depends upon a lot of factors.
- How do teachers feel hybrid learning is going so far?
  - Kevin - this is hard, and we are answering a lot of questions, emails, and supporting students and each other as well as we can!
  - Kandy - we are doing our best, as are students. Giving each other grace!
  - Julie - this is not ideal, and we worry about kids' futures if they need to catch up. We're all working to let go of what we cannot control!
  - James is optimistic that we'll be back by January, but does expect this pandemic will take quite a long time to resolve.

**Adjourn Meeting: *James***

- Next meeting date: October 22nd, 4:00 pm

**Attachments:**