**September 17, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Members present: Keith Blanchfield, Jennifer Davis, Shane Dowdy, Pat Egeberg, Karla Elliott, Denise Lee, Stephenie Mackelburger, Kitti Mayne, Ken Moritz, Sherry Newton, Debbie Smith, Lisa Thursby, Jackie Watkins**

**Members not present: Zita Brogan, Carlos Vargas, Eric Verbos**

**CEAC’s mission is to provide classified employees a voice for their questions, ideas, and concerns on matters such as, but not limited to, the following:**

 **● Assistance in contributing better service to the school district and community**

 **● Examining ways to improve job satisfaction**

**● Valuing classified employees and recognizing their professional status within the district**

 **● Recognition of classified employees’ contributions to the District’s mission**

**● Functioning as an information resource for all classified employee groups**

Ken Moritz called the meeting to order.

**Discussion**

**Jonathan Levesque**, **Assistant Director of Finance,** spoke to the group about the financial situation for LPS.

Since 2009 the state of Colorado has cut $9.3 billion from K-12 education state wide in order to balance the state budget.  Most recently LPS faced a $4 million shortage for our current school year. The most likely projection for 21-22 is that due to increasing costs and additional education funding cuts by the state, LPS will be faced with the need to reduce staffing across the board by approximately 184 staff positions, an 11% reduction.

The Board of Education voted to move forward with plans to place a mill levy override on the November 2020 ballot. As stated on the district webpage, “the local mill levy override would raise $12 million to fill the $12 million state funding gap for the 2021–2022 school and in the years ahead. The money would be used to keep the teachers, academic programs (including those in the skilled trades), mental health support and physical safety measures that are currently in place”.

Please visit the website at <https://littletonpublicschools.net/budget-matter> for more information on this matter and to see the schedule for the virtual roadshow presentation.

You can see Jonathan Levesque’s presentation [here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?pli=1#search/jvlevesque%40lps.k12.co.us/FMfcgxwJXxmLdVPKmmcPdQMtpmscGBKq?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1)

**Nathan Frasier, Coordinator of Alternative Learning,** spoke to CEAC next about our TOPS program. TOPS (Temporary Online Program for Students) is a 100% virtual learning program for 2020-2021. At the time of the meeting, there were 1672 LPS students enrolled in this program-- 795 Elementary, 415 Middle School, and 462 High School Students. 15.3% of these students are in Special Education.

The district is encouraging all staff to keep utilizing the free Covid 19 testing.

To set up an appointment, please use this link: <https://www.primarybio.com/a/Littleton>

CEAC members discussed several options for the Mini Grant this year. That information will be released in next month’s minutes.

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| **If you have questions, concerns or comments please contact any member:** |
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|  |  | Karla Elliott (Littleton) 7700 |
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| Jennifer Davis (Finance) 3317 | Shane Dowdy (ESC) 3420 |  |
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