

**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Littleton Public Schools
Meeting Minutes
2-25-2009**

Chair: Briggs Buckley Chair-Elect: Matthew Shankle CIO: Dan Maas

**LOCATION: Moody Elementary School
6390 S. Windermere Street**



6:00 PM – Arrival

ETAC members networking and casual dialog

6:30 PM – Convene

Call to order: Mr. Matt Shankle, Co-Chair of the ETAC 2008-2009 called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Moody Elementary School.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:32 PM – Approval of Minutes

Review Minutes of January 28, 2009

Mr. Shankle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 28, 2009. There were no motions for any changes.

The committee is unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

6:35 PM – Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Matt Shankle asked if there were any suggestions or additions to the February meeting agenda. The committee was unanimously in favor of approving the agenda as presented.

6:37 PM Celebrate Our Successes-

Moody Elementary School

Mr. Doug Andrews, Principal of Moody Elementary welcomed the committee and introduced the presenters for the evening. Moody technology highlights were showcased by Christine Lundock, Moody Computer Coach, Ashley Guzman, Gifted and Talented Teacher, DeAnne Haag, 5th grade teacher, and Sara Finney, 5th grade teacher. We thank these teachers for sharing their technology experiences and expertise.

Mr. Andrews reported that recently Moody Elementary was a recipient of a multitude of eeePC's laptops through grant funding; document cameras are present in all classrooms. Five years ago as a result of bond project funding, Moody was able to remodel their media center and library which now allows space for a new computer lab.

Please refer to the PowerPoint attached for further details from the teacher's aforementioned regarding technology used at Moody.

7:00 PM - Discussion Items and Reports- BOE Liaison Renee' Howell

Ms. Howell reported that although not official at this point, we are expecting an approximate 500 thousand dollar rescission for 2008-2009, there will be budget and staff reductions in 2009-2010 in

K-12 education nationwide. The stimulus package will prolong the some major cuts until 2011. There is a probability that at that time cuts may be felt more acutely. There are still changes being made at the Federal level and unanswered questions at the State level, therefore it is still not known how funds will be distributed and used.

On March 13th there will be an Economic Summit Conference in the district. Mr. Scott Murphy will meet with other community leaders from ACC, city governments, library districts, South Suburban, and South Metro Denver Chamber to talk about all the different issues we are presently facing and how we might work together when recovery is possible.

Other Board Discussion/Activities include:

- Discussions around transitioning for students of Ames and Whitman.
- Teacher Negotiations
- The Superintendents Review
- Healthcare Issues
- Meetings with Legislative Representatives are ongoing.
- Learning 2.0 at Heritage High School was a great success.

7:10 P.M. Spirit of Littleton Dinner- Mr. Bob Young LPS Foundation

Ms. Mary McGlone and Mr. Bob Young spoke to the committee about how the Foundation operates, how they raise and disperse crucial funds that aid the district with scholarships, teacher and classroom grants, and how they partner with the district on major projects. This year, in addition to last year the focus of the Foundation fund raiser is technology. The Foundation will again focus on the eeePC not as a standalone tool, but as a piece of the integrated learning process.

On April 17th, The Spirit Dinner, a festive, informative evening of celebration and the Foundation's largest fund raising event of the year is coming back to Littleton. It will be held in the River Front Event Center (Bowles and Santa Fe in the EchoStar Parking lot.) The Venue will be called "Technology Street" and will showcase students and teachers speaking directly to patrons about what we do here in the LPS district with technology. (In addition to a lovely dinner and other fun events.)

Please do try to attend this event yourself and promote the dinner to your friends, neighbors and any business liaisons you might have. The Foundation appreciates and thanks you for your continued support.

Mr. Bob Young explained how the "Laptops for Learners" program will work and passed out brochures clarifying and describing details of the program. If any ETAC member who was not present at this meeting would like one of these brochures, please ask and we will be happy to provide you with one. The outcome of this program is through business partnerships, we hope to make the eeePC available to students for an affordable \$100. Please see Dan or Gail for further information.

7:30 PM – CIO REPORT– Mr. Dan Maas –

Mr. Dan Maas spoke to the committee about the ETIL Plan, (Educational Technology Information Literacy) which is a state required document. Initially, the ETIL plan was written to merely receive the checkmark or accreditation awarded by the state for completion of the document. There is no funding award for completing it. Mr. Maas is no longer satisfied with the compliance approach and is now seeking to use the plan as a leadership document. The ETIL plan is on the Board Agenda on **April 9th** as an item of discussion and up for approval by the Board on **April 23rd**. As the committee examines this document, Mr. Maas asked members focus on three elements.

Those elements are:

- We should have a great reason **why** we wrote this document. The intended audience is the community and the Board so we don't want to be too technical, needs to be readable.
- **How** we put it together i.e.; (our suggestions about technology, training, investments should be very sound.
- **Presentation** needs to be excellent.

8:15 PM: ETIL Plan Small Group Feedback:

Each group gave a one minute feedback to Mr. Maas. This feedback will be compiled and used as the ETAC committee continues its work on this document.

Announcements:

Next ETAC meetings:
April 1st at Newton Middle School
April 29th at Wilder Elementary

8:30 PM – Adjournment

Minutes respectively submitted by: Gail Schillinger-Technology Support Specialist