



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Littleton Public Schools
Meeting Minutes
10-21-2009**

Chair: Matthew Shankle Chair-Elect: David Chao CIO: Dan Maas

LOCATION: Littleton High School

6:00 PM – Arrival

ETAC members networking and casual dialog

6:30 PM – Convene

Call to order: Mr. David Chao Co- Chair of the ETAC 2009-2010 called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library of Littleton High School.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:32 PM – Approval of Minutes

Review Minutes of September 16, 2009

Mr. David Chao asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 16, 2009.

Mr. Steve Wolf motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

The committee was then unanimously in favor of approving the minutes after the motion.

6:35 PM – Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Chao asked if there were any suggestions or additions to the October 21st meeting agenda. The committee was in unanimous favor of approving the agenda as presented.

6:37 PM – Celebrating Successes Littleton High School –

Ms. LaDonna Lenz, Ms. Maureen Medved and Mr. Don Begier

Mr. Don Begier welcomed the committee and introduced his presenters for the evening Ms.

LaDonna Lenz and Ms. Maureen Medved, Computer Coaches for LHS.

Ms. LaDonna Lenz gave the presentation for LHS; some of the highlights from the presentation are listed below.

- LHS has a global conferencing system for use with both large and small audience formats. Students have spoken with citizens of Egypt, India, France and Canada
- There are 838 laptops; 705 are dedicated for student use.
- LHS has 13 mobile laptop carts this includes eeePC's and standard laptops carts so it is a mix.
- LHS has the only interactive foreign language lab in the district.
- LHS Technology Student Association has taken 7 state titles in the past 8 years including a national championship in 2005.

The Inspired Writing Project: Ms. Lenz reported that the Inspired Writing Project is in full swing for enthusiastic ninth graders at LHS. There are 171 eeePC's for ninth graders in use every single day. Ms. Lenz highlighted numerous complimentary testimonials and excited quotes from students and teachers participating in the program. One of the most memorable being from Cathy, a Language Arts Teacher at LHS. "Freshman, totally engaged, last block, Friday afternoon of Homecoming week-AMAZING!"- Ms. Lenz then showed the committee a Podcast of students and teachers in action using the eeePC's for research and collaboration.

7:25 PM - Discussion Items and Reports- BOE Liaison Renee Howell

- Ms. Howell brought handouts from “College in Colorado. Org.” This publication helps students become aware and informed of what sort of jobs are available in the area of STEM. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- The Colorado Supreme Court has ruled that the Labato law suit will go forward; this ruling is significant because it allows the legal pursuit of thorough and uniform funding for all students in Colorado.
- Funding Issues continue to be a huge problem at the state level. The LPS district is now working to figure out what might a 2%, 4%, 6%, 10% cut might look like. It seems that we only have bad choices left.
- In addition Ms. Howell cited recognition to both Anne Smith and Chris Moore who were honored and recognized by the National School Board Association as the top “20 to Watch.” This award is for outstanding leadership in the instructional use of technology.
- ETAC Student Members Kyle Hanson and Ben Horblit were also honored. Ben and Kyle are among an elite few chosen as finalists for a National Merit Scholarship. The committee extends its congratulations to all these high achieving individuals.

7:30 P.M.- CIO Report: Dan Maas:

- “We Won!” Mr. Maas announced to the committee that Littleton has won a third competitive Title IID Grant. With this funding, LPS in partnership with the Sheridan School district will establish an initiative that will expand and support 8th Grade Technology Literacy Mandate (NCLB)
- Littleton Public Schools will:
 - Expand the Inspired Writing initiative to 8th grade
 - Obtain Netbook sets for Language Arts classrooms
 - Training alignment with Adolescent Literacy
- Sheridan Schools:
 - Implement netbooks for 8th grade Language Arts
 - Provide training support for netbooks deployment
 - Training alignment with AMP: Adolescent Literacy
- Total grant fund awarded is: \$190,000

Flip Cameras: Principals will make an effort to evaluate Inspired Writing activities and help teachers reflect on their experience with technology, pedagogy and content. With this task in mind Principals were excited to be given Flip Cameras at the last K-12 Principals meeting to document some of the work going on in the district.

In closing, Mr. Maas also stated that the Board was very receptive to our new charge as a much more active committee.

7:45 PM – Small Group Work: Vision for new Charge: David Chao

Mr. David Chao initiated the committee’s new charge work as an active committee working with intent. ETAC will be intent on widening and expanding a message to the taxpayers and larger Littleton community providing information on innovative ways Littleton Public School is educating its students. Mr. Chao asked the committee members to break up into sub-committees. Mr. Chao and Mr. Maas gave each sub-committee group examples of the types of outcome desired and resources they might access.

The sub- committees will collaborate via a wiki-site at <http://etac.pbworks.com/>

The sub-committees are:

1. **Student Work:** Sparking internships; student driven projects.
2. **Outreach/Marketing:** Video products; brochures and publications.
3. **Staff Recognition:** There are national and state award our staff should win; create our own.
4. **Business Liaison:** Build coalitions/business commitments/work with LPS Foundation for

partnerships.

5. **Grants and Funding:** Find State and Federal Grants that we are positioned for.
6. **Research:** Book study to enhance our collective knowledge and improving the profession.

Each sub-committee should contain about 5 members made up of a staff member, a community member, and a student.

Announcements:

**Next ETAC Meeting
will be at Newton Middle School
on December 2, 2009
4001 E. Arapahoe Road
Centennial, 80122**

8:30 PM –Adjournment

Minutes respectively submitted by: Gail Schillinger-Technology Support Specialist