



**Educational Technology Advisory Committee
Littleton Public Schools
Meeting Minutes
9-16-2009**

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

LOCATION: The Village

6:00 PM – Arrival

ETAC members networking and casual dialog

6:30 PM – Convene

Call to order: Mr. Matt Shankle Chair of the ETAC 2009-2010 called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym of the Village.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:32 PM – Approval of Minutes

Review Minutes of August 19, 2009

Mr. Shankle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of August 19, 2009. Mr. Jim Stephens motioned to strike the “AND” from the CIO section of the minutes. The committee was then unanimously in favor of approving the minutes after the motion.

6:35 PM – Approval of the Agenda

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

6:37 PM - Mr. Scott Murphy Superintendent – Budget Matters

“Talent wins games, teamwork wins championships. Littleton Public Schools is a team of champions. We are going to come through these tough times and we’re going to be ok.” Mr. Scott Murphy delivered this message and some very hard realities regarding the financial state in Littleton Public Schools and school districts across the State. Mr. Murphy outlined the aspects contributing to how we got to this point, what adjustments have been made so far, and the problems that are facing our district today. According to the office of State Planning and Budget, funding to LPS could still be reduced by an additional \$6-8 million in 2010-2011. These deficits will be hard felt across the district in the coming months.

Guiding Principles to date:

- Keep staffing reductions to a minimum
- Maintain support for those most at risk
- Maintain comprehensive programming
- Consider a Mill levy override
- Don’t use one time money for ongoing costs

After garnering feedback from accountability groups the Administration will develop budget reductions for Board consideration and public input. The Board will make final budget decisions in January 2010.

7:00 PM- Celebrating Our Successes: Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Lucinda Hundley and her Professional Special Education Group (SWAAAC) presented to the committee.

Many students with learning disabilities require assistive technology to participate in and benefit from their educational programs. A range of technology solutions is available to support student performance, achievement and independence in all areas, including reading, spelling writing and math. Students who have access to the appropriate Assistive Technology solutions that they need are more likely to be successful in their educational programs.

Ms. Hundley's team of professionals showed the committee a variety of assistive technology devices used in LPS and explained some of the extraordinary results they see from special needs students.

Mr. Mike Porter Assistant Director of Instructional Technology reported that Littleton Public Schools has been awarded a grant from the Morgridge Family Foundation. Funding from this grant will allow the Technology Department to team with Special Education Department to impact kids with the highest of special needs and provide them with SmartBoards to enhance their learning experience.

7:25 PM - Discussion Items and Reports- BOE member Lucie Stanish for BOE Liaison Renee Howell

- Board of Education election: The BOE election to be held in November for three positioned BOE members who recently completed their first year on the Board was cancelled due to lack of new candidates stepping forward. In these hard times, we appreciate and thank the readiness of our present Board members to journey on.
- Charges for the 2009-2010 GTAC committee included the exploration of how/what technologies can best serve their goals. This may be something the ETAC would like to help with.
- 90% Goal: Goal of the district is to have 90% of our students to be at or above proficiency level by 2012. Student data is now measurable by AssessTrack, an impressive data analysis tool used by teachers to identify struggling students. Ms. Stanish also provided the committee with current AYP data.

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

- Mr. Maas presented a PowerPoint to inform the committee about the Title IID Grant that LPS in partnership with the Sheridan School district is applying for. If received, this initiative will expand and support 8th Grade Technology Literacy Mandate (NCLB)
- Littleton Public Schools hopes to:
 - 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 request of grant: \$195,000

In addition Mr. Maas gave recognition to both Anne Smith and Chris Moore who were honored and recognized by the National School Board Association as "20 to Watch." This award is for outstanding leadership in the instructional use of technology. Karl Fisch was previously nominated by LPS and also recognized making LPS the only district to have three winners of this award.

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

Charge for ETAC 2009-2010

ETAC recommends to the Board of Education the following Charge:

As a diverse community voice, the charge of the ETAC will be to advise the Littleton Public Schools regarding implementation of technology to support a world-class learning community that promotes student achievement, empowers educators, and develops students into productive citizens.

ETAC will support scaling up the message and program of technology development in Littleton Public Schools through strategy, communication, story and research.

ETAC will support equitable technology policies.

ETAC will be part of the solution by developing actionable steps for the CIO and exploring creative resources to address technology requirement throughout the community.

The charge as recorded represents the version approved by an online vote of ETAC members after the September meeting. 18 members voted, all in favor of the revised charge.

The ETAC report and draft charge will be presented to the Board on October 8, 2009

Announcements:

**Next ETAC Meeting
will be at Littleton High School on October 21
199 E. Littleton Blvd.
Littleton, 80121**

9:30 PM – Late Adjournment due to Charge discussion

ETAC normal adjournment time is 8:30 PM

Minutes respectively submitted by: Gail Schillinger-Technology Support Specialist