

members to update the board code of conduct policy 1514 to require background checks of all new members coming on the board. The policy would require that when a person declares an interest in running, they must obtain fingerprints and submit a background check. Should anything later arise that would disqualify them per the policy, they must self-report the incident. The policy change has been reviewed by MA lawyers and the Governance Committee. President Scott Saunders agreed that this was a good "best practice" to adopt. The board unanimously approved this change. The policy can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/ma-policy1514>.

Other highlights

- The October student count will report 913.82 full-time equivalent students (kindergartners only count as .58 of a student).
- Allison Wise, MA's English Learner teacher, got an award for "Best Practice" for teaching the LPSD community Adult Literacy class for several years. She was recognized by the CDE's State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education.
- Jessica Coote, director of Extended School Services (ESS), was presented with an award of \$1,000 for classroom supplies by the Air Force Athletics Department. Coote was nominated by her students as their favorite teacher.
- Parent Michael O'Hare spoke to the board about supporting specific candidates to achieve a 3-2 majority of MA supporters on the Lewis-Palmer Board of Education.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Monument Academy library at 1150 Village Ridge Point. The MA School Board usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. There will be no December meeting. Meetings are adjusted as needed to avoid conflicts. Information on the MA

School Board, including schedule, minutes, commitments, and finances can be found at <http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board>.

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- ✓ Future options for 6th grade
- ✓ Use of the Grace Best facility

Attendees will be invited to participate in small group discussions led by a trained facilitator. The goal is to help participants learn more about the pros and cons of these two issues while using collaborative decision-making and community problem solving skills to share thoughts and ideas.

The public is invited to actively participate in this community engagement event, facilitated by Ms. Carrie Bennett (facilitator, mediator, and educator) of Learning Through Difference, LLC.

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