

tests used to monitor students’ progress through their school careers. He stressed that students are encouraged to participate in all testing so that any problems can be identified as early as possible and corrected.

When asked about which scores counted when students take a test such as the SAT multiple times, he said that the highest score is counted.

Brom explained the process through which new materials are selected and approved, saying that teachers initially select the materials, which are then available for community review before being approved by the Board of Education.

Goth commented that sometimes parents are unhappy that a resource is chosen before they can express an opinion.

Wangeman said that the philosophy is that the teachers are the experts and will be the ones to use the resources.

Brom explained the new emphasis toward multiple pathways to graduation including emphasis on workplace readiness as well as college readiness. Included in this philosophy is the offering of programs in bio-medics and other technologies and careers at local colleges, work-based learning, and internships.

The district recognizes that all students are not best suited for college but can learn a career that will provide a good lifestyle by pursuing these alternate routes.

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The District Accountability Advisory Committee meets six times a year. Locations vary. The next meeting will be held in the Sunset Multipurpose Room of Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Road, on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

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D-38 Deliberates: Centralized vs. site-based locations for preschool, Dec. 5

# Community members and staff discuss preschool growth

By Harriet Halbig

Facilitator Carrie Bennett of Learning Through Difference returned to Lewis-Palmer D-38 on Dec. 5 to moderate a discussion of options for preschool services in the district.

The room was divided into several tables of a mixed group of community members, parents, and district staff, with a trained moderator at each table to direct the conversation. A little over 40 people participated. Of those, a majority favored a hybrid option for

preschool in the district.

Preschool Coordinator Julie Jadomski opened the event with an explanation of the importance of preschool and the fact that, over time, it has become increasingly critical for the future of students because preschools now offer skills formerly taught in kindergarten such as language development, math concepts, science, and social studies. Children learn to get along, take turns, and make predictions regarding the outcome of a story.

Jadomski explained the district is required to offer preschool services without cost to children identified as needing special help due to disabilities and those determined to be at risk due to family factors. This second group, known as the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), is state funded through vouchers. The district now has 47 funded slots. The former group is federally mandated.

Each preschool is required by law to include a mix of those with exceptional needs, CPP, and non-disabled students. The Colorado Department of Education encourages that a preschool classroom serve at least 50 percent non-disabled students. Non-disabled students pay tuition.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman pointed out that although the district invests a significant amount in preschools for the disabled, this in-



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