

Above: Superintendent Brofft, left, counts votes. Photo by Harriet Halbig.

vestment pays off over time for families and taxpayers.

Wangeman said that the fastest-growing areas in terms of population are to the west in the Forest Lakes area and south of Kilmer Elementary to the east.

The district now has a total of 195 preschool students throughout the district. The Palmer Lake preschool students are served at the Palmer Lake Early Childhood Center near the administration building. Other locations are Bear Creek, Lewis-Palmer, and Kilmer elementary schools.

Due to accelerating growth in the area, the use of these classrooms for preschool is causing capacity problems for older students in schools where many other spaces have already been repurposed into classrooms. Due to the failure of a bond issue and mill levy override in the November election, which would have supported the construction of a new elementary school, creative solutions must be sought.

Superintendent Karen Brofft introduced principals from Bear Creek, Prairie Winds, Palmer Lake and Kilmer Elementaries and members of the administration and Board of Education who were present to answer any questions during the discussion.

Facilitator Bennett explained that the purpose of the evening was to advise leadership of public opinion to help in their decision making.

Participants were instructed to consider three options: centralized preschool at a single location, site-based preschool as is current, and other options such as leasing space in the community or using the current senior citizen modular at Lewis-Palmer High School as a preschool.

Each participant was supplied with a placemat-size document listing the pros and cons of the three options (centralized, site-based, and other).

Following discussion on the centralized option, conclusions included:

- Opportunities for professional connections between teachers and service providers such as occupational therapists would be enhanced.
- Best use of resources.
- Three people preferred centralized preschool.

Following discussion on site-based preschools (present model), conclusions included:

- Convenience for parents who must provide transportation.
- Children being in same school as older siblings.

- Concern for safety for youngest kids in modular.
- Kilmer is a great place for sitebased because they are familiar

with neighborhood.

Following discussion on the hybrid option, the conclusions included:

• Use two main centers, Grace Best





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Lewis-Palmer School District 38 2019-2020 Kindergarten Information Night



Tuesday, January 15, 2019 5:00-6:00 p.m.

at

Bear Creek Elementary School Lewis-Palmer Elementary School Palmer Lake Elementary School Prairie Winds Elementary School Ray E. Kilmer Elementary School

This information night provides families an opportunity to meet teachers, tour the school, and visit kindergarten classrooms.

All kindergarten registration needs to be completed online.
Enrollment for 2019-2020 kindergarten begins
at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019.
Full day kindergarten typically fills up and is on a first come basis.

Enrollment information is available at www.lewispalmer.org under the Enroll (apple) icon

Questions: (719) 488-4700



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Please bring the completed preschool registration packet and all supporting documents.

Preschool enrollment is on a first come basis.

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Completed packet may not be turned in until January 15, 2019.

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D38 preschool registration is only open to D38 residents.

Lewis-Palmer School District 38 preschools participate in the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP).

LPSD January Events

January 1: District Closed

January 8: Students Return

January 14: Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Administration Building

January 15: 2019-2020 Kindergarten Information Night, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Elementary School Locations

January 15: 2019-2020 Preschool Registration Night, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Preschool Locations

January 21: District Closed

January 30: 2-Hour Delayed Start/PLC

