

Rocky Mountain Chapter A4LE Newsletter

May 2017

Welcome to Spring 2017 and the crazy Colorado weather that can come with it! Here are some updates regarding local Rocky Mountain Chapter A4LE events past and upcoming. See something interesting? Join us and invite others who might benefit from our professional development offerings as well as our powerful and fun networking opportunities.

FIRST QUARTER 2017 EVENTS

Bond...School Bonds! January 25

This was a well-attended conversation around "What's Next?" for the Colorado districts that were awarded bonds for the improvement of school facilities as well as the architects and contractors who will be working with them. Our experts included a panel of Construction professionals, Architects and School District representatives.

A4LE Southwest Regional Conference March 21-24

This year's conference was in Salt Lake City, Utah with an evening in the beautiful mountain town of Park City. On Tuesday, after ALEP testing and the SouthWest Regional Board Meeting, we were treated to a Welcome Reception for networking and reconnecting to friends and colleagues we hadn't seen for a while. Wednesday opened with a keynote speech by Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Utah State School Board Superintendent. Dr. Dickson's presentation gave us a good over-view of what is going well and what needs attention in the Utah public schools. We then continued on with presentations and tours of Mount Jordan Middle School, Midvale Middle School, and Granger High School. Dinner on our own in Salt Lake provided time to explore this beautiful city.

Thursday was another day filled with presentations and tours. Our hard hat tour of High School #10 was rained out, but we did see a presentation of that school as well as presentations and tours of Canyon Creek Elementary School and Vista Ed Center. Our evening was spent in Park City, a charming mountain town full of nice shopping and wonderful restaurants. After dinner was a showing of the very inspirational movie, "Most Likely to Succeed". This is the story of several students at High Tech High, an innovative school designed around the concept of Project Based Learning. We saw the successes and failures (which led to successes) of students working toward a year-end event spotlighting the projects their teams created, organized and produced. We were all excited and inspired by the experiences of these students and teachers.

Friday started with breakfast and our closing keynote by Larry Rosenstock, CEO and founding principal of High Tech High. We had a Schools Next Presentation and then a presentation and tour of Lassondale Studios. We ended with a walking tour of the University of Utah.

Don't forget: Next year's regional conference will be in Denver. Plans are already underway for a fun and valuable few days in Colorado. Stay tuned as details are determined. Let us know if you would like to be involved in the preparation process now or as the time approaches. Contact Kelly Yamasaki at kyamasaki@ozarch.com.



Joe Shoemaker Tour



Timed to connect with Earth Day, A4LE Members came out to tour the Joe Shoemaker School, a Denver Public Schools expeditionary school perched on the banks of Cherry Creek. The school was designed by Anderson Mason Dale Architects to connect students with a rare authentic natural environment and exemplify the legacy of Joe Shoemaker, a Colorado State Senator known as an educational advocate, devoted to protecting the city's waterways and natural environments. Attendees toured the school building and adjacent storm water infrastructure designed to facilitate student access to the creek.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Meadowlark School Hard Hat Tour



4pm Wednesday, May 31, 2017

2300 Meadow Sweet Lane (near the intersection of Meadow Sweet Lane and Flatiron Meadows Blvd.)
Erie, CO 80516

This is a great chance to see this new Boulder Valley School District School. This is a free tour for members but space is limited so sign up soon.

You will see:

- Energy-saving design strategies toward being Net Zero-ready
- Innovative Learning Community design in alignment with the BVSD Strategic Plan
- Flexible approaches to serving PK-8 students in a rapidly growing neighborhood
- Partnering with Town of Erie in planning adjacent park layout and amenities

[Click here](#) to register.

SchoolsNEXT Team Representing the Rocky Mountain Chapter!



At the Southwest Regional Conference in Salt Lake City on March 24, we shared a video produced by SchoolsNEXT team from McAuliffe International School in Denver. The video was well-received by the audience and it helped to generate further enthusiasm for more SchoolsNEXT teams going forward.

Other Colorado Educational Conferences to Consider

InnEdCo

June 13-15, 2017
Keystone, CO

[Click here](#) for information and registration.

CEI (Colorado Education Initiative) Showcase: Design the Future

June 28-30, 2017
Keystone, CO

[Click here](#) for information and registration.

48TH ANNUAL CASE (Colorado Association of School Executives) CONVENTION – LEADERSHIP ELEVATED

July 24-28, 2017
Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO

[Click here](#) for information and registration.

Membership Committee

Our association depends on the commitment and enthusiasm of active local members. Be sure to invite your friends and associates for one of our upcoming events. We would love to have them join us! Don't forget any emerging professionals who might especially benefit from the programs and connections offered by the Association. Please contact Sue Walker s.walker@vs-charlotte.com for information about joining our chapter.

