

Discussion of Gun Violence Prevention Legislation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9 from 9:30 am - 11 am.

Location: Posner Center, 1031 33rd Street Denver, Co 80205

In attendance: Representatives from Ceasefire, Blue Rising, Moms Demand Action/Everytown, Colorado PTA, Brady, Candidates Sean Camacho, Cecelia Espenosa, Lindsay Gilchrist, and Mark Matthews, Representatives Kipp, Amabile, Froelich, Duran, Woodrow, Weissman, and Bacon.

Welcome remarks from Majority Leader Duran.

Discussion on Prop KK, ask for support from ML Duran, Rep. Froelich.

Discussion on what a GVP Caucus would look like and function like. No decisions were made. Reps Kipp, Amabile and Woodrow encouraged the group to be flexible. Froelich, Duran felt there are challenges with too many bills in the system on any given topic. Lunch meetings during Session have been set up to listen to presentations. Kipp and Amabile stressed the importance of mental health as a focus of GVP work.

Jason McBride, Executive Director from McBride Impact and Struggle of Love was introduced by Dawn Reinfeld, Executive Director, Blue Rising. McBride updated the group on the effects of daily gun violence on youth and community. He discussed the role of social media on youth and on the prevalence of guns in community, on the ability to purchase guns on the internet. Rep. Bacon talked about the importance of focusing on youth violence as a group.

Next meeting will be in November, date to be determined.