MINUTES

I. Call to Order
   i Roll Call
      - Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.
      - Board Members: Tracy Scroggins, Mark Alpert, Nicole Smith, Jeff Berg, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez
      - Staff: Dr. Penny Eucker, Cody Blackburn, two SAC representatives, six community members, and students from Simple Solutions.
   ii Pledge of Allegiance
      –Mark Alpert

II. Reading of the mission statement
   - Tracy Scroggins recited the mission.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
   – Rudy motioned to approve. Tracy seconded. All in attendance approved.

IV. Simple Solutions student presentation
   - First group presented an outdoor area. This area would be used for vitamin D sources and a study area. This would create a sense of ownership and pride. The group asked for Board assistance with legal matters and neighbor relations as they move forward with their project.
   - Second group presented a low cost bell system utilizing Raspberry Pi hardware. The system would be utilized for tardiness or any drill. The concept has potential for a patent application.

V. Sector Branding – Lewis/Gliwa
   - Table until March BOD meeting

VI. Executive Director’s report
   i Recent accomplishments and events
   ii Budget report
   iii Enrollment status and projections
   iv Financial status and projections
      - School updates
      - High school formal
- FRC First Robotics Competition
- Celebrations: Winter Wonderland
- Mentor featured: Nikki Baird
- Fencing sport at STEM
- Kindergartners learn how to code. Highlands Ranch Herald
- Verizon App
- Animal Habitat PBL
- Future News: 2/7 Denver Post AI in SS.

**Enrollment:**
- 1778 enrollment for next year
- 400 students added from waitlist
- Need six classrooms

**Budget:**
- 70 days in reserve
- 55% for salaries and benefits
- 12% for debt
- Accrued $865k for first six months

**Save the Date:**
- 4/1 STEM
- Senior Awards Night- May 17th
- Graduation- May 19th at 10 a.m.

**February 13th**
- Hosting Rural CO Initiative
- NYF- funded outreach
- Acrickaree in closing their schools for the day to work with our teachers in the classroom

**VII. SAC update**
- January 18th.
- Hannah Reese came and spoke about testing and what it looks like at STEM.
  - Possibility of virtual day.
- Discussed block scheduling.
- D1 agreement in place.
- Possibly looking into subcommittees. Give other parents the chance to be part of that.
- Buddy system. New parent mentors.
- Parent survey in March for Board approval for distribution to parents in April.

**VIII. Update on Academy Committees - Phelps**
• Table. Are there enough participants? There should be more structure for consistency.

IX. Strategic Plan (target work date to finalize by the end of March)
• Working hard on a plan.

X. Class B Directors Skills/Expertise Inventory – Scroggins
• What does each board member bring?
• This helps with selection process.
• Use the process to identify gaps.

XI. Public Comment - Comments on process for Class A appointments
• How flexible is February 12th deadline? Will be discussed during executive session.
• NPR- Girls are losing sight of their intelligence. Possibly bring in a young woman speaker from a college to make younger girls feel smart and accepted.

XII. Determine Need for Planning Session
- The next planning session is scheduled for 3/17/2017

XIII. Adjourn Public Session
- Rudy Lukez motioned to adjourn.
- Tracy seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

XIV. Convene executive session to discuss real estate matters
The Board may vote to recess into executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S., to confer with the school attorney, in order to receive legal advice or concerning pending and/or imminent litigation and pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a), C.R.S., and pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(b)I for personnel matters.
Mentor Featured, Nikki Baird

Fencing- and enduring sport at STEM

STEM in the News

Verizon App Winners of $5,000

Animal Habitat PBL

STEM in the News
Future News Stories

- February 7- Denver Post will be at STEM with a photographer for the ai story
- February 8- Jenny Brundin, Colorado Public Radio, will be at STEM for the ai story

We hope this story gets national attention

CS Team

Enrollment

- 400 students added from our waitlist for 2017-2018
- Total enrollment for next year at 1778 with over 1,000 remaining on the waitlist.
- Need 6 classrooms to accept the final 150 students and really need 8 new classrooms.

Budget/Financials

- 70 days in reserve (benchmark is 45 days)
- 55% for salaries and benefits (50-70%)
- 12% for debt (<17%)
- Accrued $865,000 for first 6 months

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February 13

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