

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2017
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Elementary School Library – second floor

8773 Ridgeline Blvd. | Highlands Ranch, CO | 80129

Minutes

I. Call to Order

i. Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- Board Members: Mark Alpert, Nicole Smith, Tracy Scroggins, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez, Thomas Wendling, Adam Roderick attending by phone. Jeff Berg was absent.
- Dr. Penny Eucker, two SAC (Chair) representatives Karyn Weiffenbach and Renee Borchert, Leanne Weyman, Cody Blackburn, two community members.

ii. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mark Alpert initiated

II. Reading of the mission statement

- Nicole Smith recited the mission

III. Public Comments (moved up in agenda).

A mother and her daughter (a student at STEM) were in attendance and brought up the issue of whether appropriate corrective action was taken when the daughter became at-risk of academic failure, as well as a discussion of a path forward to improve her grades. The issue was not resolved during the meeting to allow time further consideration.

IV. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve
- Rudy Lukez seconded
- All in attendance approved

V. Executive Director's report

i. Recent accomplishments and events

- John Irwin award
- Graduation

- Holocaust PBL
- Synchronous learning advances
- Mention in Arickaree newspaper

ii. Budget report

iii. Enrollment status and projections

- See attached power point slides

VI. SAC Update:

- Dr. Eucker presented budget at last SAC meeting on May 17th.
- Discussion of Kindergarten attending graduation rehearsal, Masquerade Ball, Nerf Battlezone, and the Barn Dance.
- Dr. Johnson spoke about hiring in the elementary school.
- Buddy Program
- 3 new SAC voting members”
 - Lauren Pickett
 - Rebecca McCreary
 - Ed Spencer
- New Driveline discussed at last SAC meeting.

VII. SAC Bylaws

- Amendment is proposed to require at least one SAC member to be in attendance at future board of directors meetings.
- Board will respond electronically to Jeff Berg to approve the wording of the amended SAC bylaws.

VIII. Growth Opportunities/Decision Factor Matrix – Tracy Scroggins, Adam Roderick

- Excel tool to evaluate growth opportunities identified in the May 12 executive session.
- Weighting matrix to analyze, prioritize, and make decisions consistently, quickly and collaboratively.
- Rudy Lukez will make sure that this tool is in agreement with the poster diagram that he created to document the growth opportunities.
- Board members will own certain opportunity factors

XI. Adjourn Public Session

- Mark Alpert motioned to convene to executive session at 7:03 PM. Rudy Lukez seconded. All approved.

XII. Convene executive session

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.

Report to our Board of Directors June 6, 2017

P.J. Eucker PhD
Executive Director

Graduation 2017



Celebrations

- Successfully closed out our 2016-2017 school year
- Added five grades in one year
- Increased enrollment by 200 students
- Climbed to the top ten for Colorado High Schools
- John Irwin award for academic excellence

Grade-Linked Buddies



Kindergarteners learn geography from their third grade buddies.

7th grade Holocaust PBL



Fanny Starr, a 95-year-old Holocaust survivor gives a touching presentation.

Technology Field Trips!



Fourth graders hold a cultural event. With the help of Doink, students feel as if they are in the countries they study.

Writing Award Recipient



Fifth grader, Ayo Trujillo Delgado, wins third place in the Letters About Literature Writing Competition.

Featured in Rural Arickaree



Synchronous Learning



STEM grad featured



STEM in the News

- Denver Business Journal
- Highlands Ranch Herald- every week!
- Arickaree paper
- Various radio programs

Budget

- Remains the same as last month
- All metrics in the dashboard remain in the recommended zone for exceptionally strong charter financial strength.

Enrollment

- 1815 currently enrolled
- Space for a few more in primary grades
- No new students in grades 7 and 8 except for siblings
- 56 students off campus for CE classes
- At capacity with almost 800 remaining on the waitlist and growing each day

Fun in the Park



Students enjoy food together, sign yearbooks, and play lawn games.

Field Day for K-5



Elementary students walk to Northridge Park for Field Day.