STEM School
Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2017
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Middle School Café- enter from the west side directly into the cafe
8773 Ridgeline Blvd. | Highlands Ranch, CO | 80129

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
   i Roll Call
      • Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
      • Directors present: Mark Alpert, Tracy Scroggins (via cell phone for voting on agenda items III. and VII.), Jeff Berg, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez,
      • Directors absent: Nicole Smith, Thomas Wendling, Adam Roderick
      • Other attendees Dr. Penny Eucker, two SAC (Chair and one voting member) representatives, Leanne Weyman, two PTO representatives, four community members, five students.
   ii Pledge of Allegiance
      • Mark Alpert initiated.

II. Reading of the mission statement
   • Penny Eucker recited the tag line.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes
   • Roy Martinez motioned to approve
   • Rudy Lukez seconded
   • All in attendance approved

IV. Executive Director’s report
   i Recent accomplishments and events
   ii Budget report
   iii Enrollment status and projections
   iv Financial status and projections
      • See attached power point slides.

V. SAC update
   • Rotate DAC representation
   • Strong DAC forum representation targeted
   • Principal reports delivered by Karen Johnson
   • Three faculty representatives on SAC
   • STEP report summarized
• Buddy family update
• Lockdown/Lock out report
• Field update
• Driveline concerns/modification objections
• Eclipse discussion
• Block schedule concerns
• Looking for a community representative

VI. **STEP/PTO Fundraising**
• Handout on STEM PTO overview, fundraising ideas, and PTO Bylaw changes. Changes to PTO Bylaws will need BOD approval.
• Several Directors suggested that fundraising targets be lofty.
• Donation questions can be directed to [STEP@stemk12.org](mailto:STEP@stemk12.org) or the STEP mailbox in the office.

VII. **SAC Bylaws**
• Roy Martinez motioned to approve amended bylaws. Rudy Lukez seconded. All approved.

VIII. **Public Comment**
• A parent offered kudos to the concurrent enrollment effort based on targeted marketing from prestigious universities received.

IX. **Planning Session**
• Mark Alpert mentioned future planning sessions are scheduled to move forward on Strategic Plan for both STEM School Highlands Ranch and for a future Charter Management Organization.

X. **Adjourn Public Session**
• Rudy Lukez motioned to convene to executive session. Roy Martinez seconded. All approved.

XI. **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.*
STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH
BOARD REPORT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

P.J. Eucker PhD
Executive Director

FIRST DAY EXCITEMENT!

Kindergarteners line up eagerly for their first day of school.

CELEBRATIONS

• Launched 2017-2018 school year
• Outstanding state test scores
• Reached our maximum student capacity

DCSD PRESENTS STEM WITH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

STEM’S FUN RUN

FUN RUN PLUS FUN ACTIVITIES
GIRL’S VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM COMPETES

SPARTAN CHEERLEADERS 2017-2018

STEM’S NEW BUDDY PROGRAM

OUR 2017 SCORES

- STEM School Highlands Ranch scored 98.9 for Academic Achievement.
- High scoring students are harder to grow in the measured ways: 74.3% growth.
- Post secondary and workforce readiness score of 92.9%.
- DCSD has in our charter that we must maintain Performance Level. We scored 97.4 with 34.4 points to spare before the cut score of Improvement.
- We were the highest scoring school for PSAT and SAT out of fifteen DCSD high schools. Our PSAT scores grew by an astounding 25 points in one year.

ENROLLMENT

- 1850 was our goal and we built the budget on 1800 students. We are currently at 1803 and hope to reach 1810 by Count Day.
- 650 remain on the wait list, mainly for our full classes of grades 5-7.
- Shout-out to our registrars for enrolling so many new students from both in district and out of district schools.
BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

- Audit is complete but we do not yet have our report.
- Star was complimented on her thorough preparation and was asked if she could train other charter schools on how to prepare for an audit.
- % for building debt, personnel and benefits, days in reserve and projections all remain in safety zone.

PBL - PAPER SHOES TO WALK ON LEGOS

- Fifth graders engineer mud-puppet shoes to protect their feet across a load of legos.

WE NOW HAVE A DRAMA DEPARTMENT WITH SEVERAL PRODUCTIONS SCHEDULED

- THEATRE PRODUCTION PROGRAM

YOGA INSPIRED ANATOMY CLASS

- Human Anatomy class is challenged to creatively present human anatomical direction terms. This team presents interpretive yoga.

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

- STEM WILL SHOW THIS FILM ON SEPTEMBER 21
STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH
PTO HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST FUNDRAISER

• $17,000 in first day!
• More from the PTO team tonight.
• Teacher wish lists, playing field and playground are all on the list for possible grants.

WE ARE ONE OF 30 INTERNATIONALLY!

• Office of OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) selected thirty schools from their member countries to lead education in the 21st Century.

2017-2018 HAS LAUNCHED AND IT WILL BE OUR BEST YEAR YET!