

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

February 6th, 2018
5:30pm – 7:30pm
High School Commons

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, Rudy Lukez, Tracy Scroggins, Jeff Berg, Roy Martinez, Thomas Wendling, Adam Roderick, Nicole Smith available via teleconference
- Other attendees: Penny Eucker, Leanne Weyman, Karen Johnson, 2 SAC representatives, PTO representative, roughly 12 parents, two students

ii Pledge of Allegiance

- Mark Alpert initiated.

II. Reciting of the Mission Statement

- Tracy Scroggins recited the mission.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve
- Thomas Wendling seconded
- Six directors approved, one director abstained. Motion passed.

IV. Executive Director's report

- Prior to the Executive Director's report Mark Alpert noted that several attendees signed up for public comment and reminded everyone of the rules of order for public comment. He also noted that he was the BOD point of contact for dissemination of information and communication on the STEM strategic plan.

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

- The most recent SAC meeting was 1/17/2018 (minutes of the meeting to be posted at https://www.stemk12.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=773139&type=d&pREC_ID=1173492). Some highlights of the meeting included
 - Hannah Reese provided information and guided a discussion on the process to accommodate gifted and talented students including emphasis on inclusivity and openness.
 - At 22%, STEM has the highest percentage of gifted and talented in DCSD.
 - Student class registration process
 - Accomplishments of BEST robotics
 - Approximately 90 2018 graduates
 - Field Trips
 - K-5 at full capacity
 - STEM "Into the Woods" Theatre Production on February 14th-15th
 - After prom planning
- Thomas Wendling helped recruit Susan Mays as the new SAC community representative.
- A subcommittee is editing the SAC parent survey with anticipated recommendation of survey for review at March BOD meeting.
- SAC is collecting and organizing feedback on the three-year strategic plan to present to the BOD.

VI. STEM PTO update

- Most recent meeting featured a question and answer session with Dr. Eucker
- STEMfest will have a new look to include a component involving the Drama Department with opportunities for parent involvement.
- PTO is involved with after prom planning.
- Planning for Boondocks year end celebration is underway.
- Dr. Eucker expressed appreciation of the gift of umbrellas proclaiming “We have you covered STEM PTO” for staff use in inclement weather during driveline and other activities.

VII. Presentation of Financial Audit

- The independent auditor indicated a positive financial audit with good financials.
- The unfunded PERA liability shared across PERA employers is a problem faced by all public schools.

- Auditor indicated Chief Financial Officer continues to deliver quality service in the involved and rather complicated financial environment unique to STEM.

VIII. Public comment

- A parent presented questions and concerns regarding STEM School at Highlands Ranch implementation of Individualized Educational Programs and 504 plans.
- A parent presented questions regarding STEM actions following a report filed with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office on June 1st, 2017 by a STEM parent regarding alleged overstepping of the email communication boundary between student and teacher.
- A parent asked why further appeal avenues for authorization of playground build went unpursued. Mark Alpert indicated that holistic and long-term thinking drove decisions for a new comprehensive application further considering the site plan and the TMP.
- Five parents expressed satisfaction with the school particularly regarding fit of STEM's educational model with their children.
- A parent expressed accolades for STEM Individualized Educational Program administration.
- A parent encouraged widespread involvement through PTO and other service opportunities.
- A parent asked that care be taken so that the new administrative structure attends to responsibilities specifically regarding mental health situations.

IX. Planning session

- The Board did not schedule an additional planning session prior to the next BOD meeting.

X. Adjourn public session

- Rudy Lukez motioned to adjourn public session and convene to executive session. Roy Martinez seconded. All in attendance approved.

XI. 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.

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P.J. Eucker PhD
Executive Director

Apple Award Recipients




Our partner school in Mexico



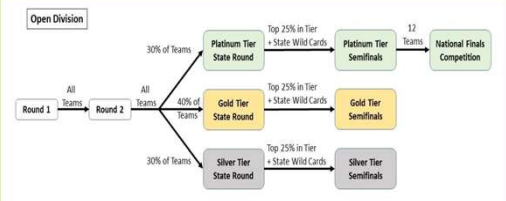
2018 Award Recipient

Award Criteria

The John Irwin awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement Indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science. [View more information on the School Performance Framework in SchoolView.](#)



CyberPatriots- High School



CyberPatriot Middle School

- All five teams are moving up to the semifinals!



K-5 Spartan Award Recipients



Kindergarten simple machines



Middle school science



VIP Update- sent to our extensive network



Enrollment

- 2018-2019 enrollment is complete
- Wait list remains strong and parent tours continue each week
- Ethnic diversity remains strong at 35%
- Gender disparity variable by grade with almost 50:50 at second grade.

Financials

- Audit report this evening for 2017-2018 school year.
- Financial dashboard remains the same and within guidelines.
- Forecast for improved school funding in the current General Assembly remains optimistic.

Save the Date

- **February 12-** STEM school in Atlanta will spend the day visiting our high school
- **February 21-** General Assembly
- **March 2-** VIP tour of CU Boulder leadership
- **May 18-** Graduation at 10:30
- **May 24-** last day of school for K-11

