



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes January 15, 2020

Meeting Date: January 15, 2020

Meeting Location: STEM School: HS Commons

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Present:

Kelly Reyna, SAC Chair

Anne Marie Blackburn, SAC Vice Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Tom Wendling DAC Rep

Angela Tolar, Parent Rep

Abbi Kaplan, Secondary Rep;

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Patrick Callahan, ES Teacher Rep

Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep

Absent: Erin Gomez, Parent Rep; Aleza Bautista, PTO Rep; Community Rep: Liz Davis

Guests: Dr. Gregg Cannady, Lauren Pickett, Tamara Enge, Kelly Fitzgerald, Mana Campen, Terri Irish, Karyn Weiffenbach, Holly Shapiro, Kimberly Lander, Janet Arnold

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Kelly Reyna

Introductions

Determine Quorum

Approval of the minutes from SAC Meeting on 12/18/19 Ish motioned minutes be accepted from December. Motion seconded and majority approved.

Teacher Report:

ES report by Patrick Callahan. Just getting back into the swing of things in elementary. 109 5th graders going to Snow Mountain Ranch next week.

Secondary report by Abbi Kaplan. Staff survey. Everyone is happy about the HR system and staff. Questions about the new hallway improvements. Metal paneling in the hall, called wanecoating, very tropical. Remodel looks good. Coaching – wonder what is in place to evaluate the coaching system in place. Admin flow chart needs to be resent so they know who to go to. Discipline issues- many teachers feel there aren't consequences for repeat offenders. There is a flow chart on who to send a child to for restorative justice. Gave an example of a teacher who used the system, but kid kept getting sent back to class. What are we doing to help LGBTQ students feel accepted at school at the MS level.

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There is support in the HS level. Should this be addressed better?

HS at Lockheed Martin this week

MS musical was a great success

DAC Report:

Tom Wendling gave a report on DAC. Meeting was the 14th. Winter forum Feb 11, 2020. The agenda has been shortened from previous years. Tom talked about the agenda of the forum. Theme for the county is “equity”...ie resources, program, facilities etc. DAC sending out surveys for budget ideas. 62/93 schools have responded. Rich Payne - Dir of Safety and Security for DCSD - safety is being standardized across the district and all the districts in CO.

DCSD had its own dispatch center.

Openings in the DAC coming March or April. You can do up to 3 two year terms. Lots of committees you can be on if you are interested. Interview process to be selected.

PTO Report:

Given by Kelly and Tamara. Aleza is stepping down as the PTO liaison. She has appointed Tamara as her replacement. Anne Marie motioned to take Tamara as the new Liaison. Motion 2nd and passed with majority

Kelly read the report. Resilience Center across the street. May 7, 2020 will be giving back to the community day for HS for an off campus project. MS and ES are still debating what to do if anything.

LynAnn Kovalsky did a study on the ES lunch, time to eat was on average 20 minutes plus. Possible changing the lunch room schedule so kids can come from class to lunch instead of recess because they might be calmer.

BOD Report:

Kelly read report in Erin's absence. Went over events coming up.

Presentation by Nicole Bostel which went over what she does for the school.

Introduced a student newsletter to 6-12th graders.

Plans to revamp website over the summer

Staff newsletter, parents newsletter also

Mark Alpert stepped down as Pres/Chair

Nicole Smith is stepping in as interim President

Roy was motioned into the Treasurer position because Nicole was the treasurer.

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DCSD Leadership Report

Given by Ish Kalra and Angela Tolar – no seminar due to holiday . Next seminar is January 31, 2020
Ish had pamphlets for DCSD programs

Community Report

Given by Elizabeth Davis – no report

Director Report:

Reported on by Dr. Karen Johnson. Finalized grades from semester 1 have been posted. Looking at something to celebrate honor roll kids.

Launched a wellness campaign with the staff this month. Logging mindfulness, water related and something physical. Prizes as we go.

Hired a new MSW in addition to the one on staff

Hired a new MS spanish teacher

Website has been switched on the google settings which proved too hard for parents to get in. Has been switched back.

Strategic plan presented to staff

DOE sending out the TLCC survey (staff only) sent out every 2 years.

Still in process of new admin hiring

Building Ships Presentation by Dr. Cannady

Town Hall Info

<https://www.stemk12.org/apps/news/article/1121222>

On-going Business:

Follow up with Operations next meeting will have guest Robert Hoorstra to talk about:

Cafeteria acoustics

Parking lot Play area - 3rd or 4th grade PBL? follow up in February

Reintroduction of Drive Line Committee:

New Business:

Preparation for BOD Meeting in February

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SAC-BOD representation March-June

Teacher workspace outside of teacher lounge

AMB spoke about parent survey and will present next SAC meeting.

Abbi spoke to possibly have more training in trauma and emergency procedures to help kids who are still having trauma or having trouble dealing with things.

Kelly asked PTO for money to get the survey and will follow for how to process this.

OPEN FORUM

Question asked about May 7, 2020 and what will go on.

We need to wait for the announcement

Question on renaming play field, DCSD has a clear policy of no memorials.

Angela motioned to adjourn at 8:02pm. Motion 2nd and majority carried

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