



SAC Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017	Meeting Chair: R.Borchert/K.Weiffenbach	Location: STEM School Elem Cafeteria
	Recorder: L. Kingman	Time: 6-8:00p

Attending members	Role	Present		Role	Present
Borchert	Co-chair	Y	Thomas Wendling	STEM BOD Member	Y
Weiffenbach	Co-chair*	Y	Ed Spencer	STEM SAC Member	Y
Kerr	Vice-chair	Y	Lauren Pickett	STEM SAC Member	Y
Johnson	STEM Elem Principal	Y	Becky McCreary	STEM SAC Member	Y
Montgomery	PTS Rep (STEP)	Y	Maura Ridder	STEM Faculty Rep	Y
Kingman	Recorder/Elem Rep	Y	Liz Dougan	STEM Staff Rep	Y
Edberry	DAC Rep	Y	Kitty Whitley, Kimberly Lander, Andras Csapo, Leigh Csapo,	STEM Parents	Y
	Community Rep				

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 Colorado Dept of Education
 Elementary School
 Middle School
 High School
 Problem Based Learning

Agenda Items, and Meeting Notes

Agenda Item	Topic Member	Minutes: Topic Summary	Questions & Action Items	Action Item Origination Date	Date Due	Resolved to Be
Welcome / Introductions / Celebrations	Renee Borchert, STEM SAC Co-Chair	Introductions were made around the table. Meeting was attended by SAC,				
August meeting minutes provided by SAC	Lori Kingman, STEM SAC Recorder	Lori confirmed the August meeting minutes were approved.				
ED Report	Renee Borchert,	SAC Bylaws approved. Almost at capacity with 1,808 students currently				

	STEM SAC Co-Chair	<p>K-12. Received Achievement Award from School Board of Douglas County. 98.9 for Academic Achievement. 75.5 for Growth. 92.9 Post-Secondary and Workforce Readiness. 84.4 score for Performance. Highest scoring high school for PSAT and SATs out of 15 district high schools. PSAT grew by 25 points by one year. Budget is based on 1,800 students. Count day tomorrow. Drama department. Organization for Economic Development & Cooperation – STEM chosen as one of the 30 schools to present, 15 total in the US. Lynne and Meredith shared STEP plans – emphasis on sustainability, repeatability. \$11K raised so far (including Last Chance to Give from 2016-2017). Last night we had \$3K from Dining Out. 10/6 and 10/7 will be strategic planning for BOD – will look at large field plan for school. STEM HR is the flagship school. Per Tom, their next meeting will focus on our strategy, our value statement 10/3 is next BOD meeting.</p>				
EM ncipal's port	Dr. Karen Johnson, STEM Elementary Principal	<p><u>Schoolwide</u> Count day is tomorrow. Approximately \$7K per student is the budget. As of Monday, we were at 1,820 enrollment. First Fall Friday is Professional Day – new professional development plan for teachers will be very innovative. 4 teams will be working – one will work on differentiation for Gifted learners, one will work on PBLs, one will work on vertical alignment through curriculum. Parent conferences coming up in a few week</p>				



		<p><u>Elem School</u> Ton of field trips: each grade level has 5-6 field trips planned. 3rd grade went to Carson Center and collected crayfish & minnows. Tables for kinder and first, chrome books for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 5th graders bringing their own devices (still optional) Morning Announcement Club: small group of students video recorded announcements (pledge of allegiance, birthdays)</p> <p><u>Middle School</u> Staff of 3 FTE educational assistants here everyday that will cover when teachers are absent – tougher to find substitute teachers on the fly and help cover lunch hour. Question: why do we have the open format and not scheduled appointments? Answer: can't do appointments since each MS teacher has about 150-180 students. 8th graders developing a capstone project for end of year. 6th grade - Keystone 7th grade – Seacamp Spartan Success study hall success gift cards (\$5 each) are needed</p> <p><u>High School</u> Homecoming is next week HS sports are going well – cross country, boys soccer, golf, girls volleyball, cheerleading Cody's home page highlights STEM PSAT, SAT scores highest in DCSD – this is happening w/o needing to “teach to the test”</p>				
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<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>Maura Midder, MS Language Arts Lead</p> <p>Liz Dougan, HS Spanish Teacher</p>	<p>Maura Ridder: Literacy Night next Thursday (will explain what the writing process is like) Working on how to grow students who are already at 99%tile 6th grade implemented a mentorship program so that students have a single point of contact, trusted adult Student government – MS Dance – Welcome to the 60's Spirit Week Partner with new food bank for donations Into the Woods, Jr. – MS musical drama</p> <p>Liz Dougan: 8th grade shadow day – 8th graders can attend a HS class. We lose 30% of our students between MS and HS. Started “Spartan Shoutouts” – thank you’s compliments to teachers or even between students. PSAT 8/9 – 7th graders and 8th graders take it on 10/5. 6th graders will have virtual day that day.</p>				
<p>EP Update</p>	<p>Susan Montgomery, STEP /PTO Co-Vice President</p>	<p>Please donate to STEM Gives – ensure employer matches are submitted if available Skate City is 9/21 STEM Restaurant Night Fundraiser: 9/27 – Cuba Cuba Sandwicheria, 10/18 Coldstone</p>				
<p>CC Update</p>	<p>Jeanne Medberry</p>	<p>2 new charter members and 2 new parent members Planning for the Fall Forum</p>				
<p>CC Forum</p>	<p>Jeannie Kerr, STEM SAC</p>	<p>9/27 DAC Special Budget Meeting (Budget Priority Session) – Cimarron Middle School 10/26 is the Fall Forum and they will have be</p>				

date	Vice Chair	live streaming from the website				
object updates	Dr. Karen Johnson, Elementary School Principal	<p>CMAS Growth Report (did not include 3rd graders): Goal of CO is at least 50% growth. Legend: Yellow or Gold are goals that haven't been met. Missing data means that there wasn't enough in that population/growth to be statistically significant. CDE reviews each school.</p> <p>PARCC scores/PSAT scores – Overall for 3rd, 4th & 5th – STEM was higher than district and state. Same for 6th, 7th & 8th grade except for Math for 7th grade □ looking into root cause. Question: What %tage have opted out? 90% of our students took the test. Think that State needs school at 95%. HS: Did similarly well across ELA, Math and Science – higher than district and state.</p> <p>PSAT & SAT – STEM scored higher than CO average for both</p> <p>UIP goals/targets/action plans – STEM's goals included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the Academic Achievement and Growth of our students with disabilities and minority students will be our priority improvement challenge. 2. Lower Graduation rate – graduation rate for the class of 2015 was 79%. This had a negative impact on the Pots Secondary Workforce Readiness expectations. This is due to the small graduation class size – 6 students 	Parent Survey: Admin did review the results at the beginning of the summer. Will be ready for discussion in next SAC meeting.	8/23/17		



		<p>didn't graduate out of a small class which resulted in 79% graduation rate.</p> <p>3. READ Act Local Data – All kindergarten through third grade students are identified and placed on read plans if not achieving benchmark goals.</p> <p>Potential for STEM to not need to submit an updated UIP this year since we are at a high-performing level (all schools still have a UIP that guides their goals).</p> <p><u>Driveline update</u> Continuing to work with Fox Tuttle for driveline recommendations (will count the cars, do a study to ensure we are safe and efficient) It has been so helpful to have so many parent volunteers – thank you! Question: How are we doing with our neighbors</p> <p><u>Inclement weather protocol</u> On snowy days and really rainy days, they will allow kids to wait inside Question: What is the plan for lightning days? Answer: We have to have 10 min of no lightning in order to release students. Only Dr. Johnson would be outside during lightning delay – could have a flag to indicate there is a lightning delay. When DCSD has a snow day – STEM is closed. No BASE. When DCSD has a snow delay – STEM has a virtual day. No BASE.</p>				
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<p>Open Forum Questions / Comments)</p>	<p>Parents in attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do HS graduating families only get 7 tickets per student to graduation? A lot people have larger families that want to see their student at the graduation ceremony? • Question for Liz Dougan on fixing the student population gap that happens from 8th to 9th grade. Per Liz, 30% is a lot higher than what we would want. There are new students coming in to HS. 6 – 8th grade enrollment: 680 students. A lot of it is that families think that HS is not as fun, too much homework load, etc. • The official count day (along with days prior to and after) are used for our funding. We should not be affected by students that happen to be sick or out that day. 	<p>Follow up needed on questions from 8/23 Open Forum</p> <p>Additional questions for follow up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HS graduation ceremony tickets per family □ Karen J will follow up 	
		<p>Next SAC meeting will be joint meeting with PTO. SAC will be featuring guest speakers from the counseling staff. Date: October 18, 2017 6-8pm Location: Elem Cafeteria</p>		