

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

May 15th, 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, Tracy Scroggins, Jeff Berg, Roy Martinez, Thomas Wendling, Adam Roderick, Nicole Smith available via teleconference
- Directors absent: Rudy Lukez
- Other attendees: Penny Eucker, Leanne Weyman, Karen Johnson, SAC representative, PTO representative, four parents, one student, one sibling

ii Pledge of Allegiance

- Mark Alpert initiated.

II. Reciting of the Mission Statement

- Tracy Scroggins recited the mission statement.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve 4/5/18 minutes.
- Nicole Smith seconded.
- All in attendance approved.
- Roy Martinez motioned to approve 4/26/18 minutes.
- Tracy Scroggins seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

IV. SAC update

- The most recent SAC meeting (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
 - SAC/STEM PTO involvement in interviews for new faculty positions
 - STEM students earning top state award at the state science fair
 - About 50 students participated in a field trip to the Museum of Natural Science
 - Senior barbeque
 - SAC survey implemented, and responses collected

- Four new members on SAC

V. STEM PTO update

- Approximately 300 attendees @ STEMFest including about 100 volunteers with over \$9000 in total profit. Selling lava lamps generated the highest net income of all activities by student clubs.
- For 2017-2018 academic year, PTO realized about \$90,000 in fundraising. The specific final tally is delayed by a few outstanding expenses and some needed recent accounting statements.
- New PTO officers to be elected at 5/16 PTO meeting.

VI. Donations/gifts acceptance policy

- Roy Martinez recommended deleting item 2.2.6 and the concluding paragraph of 2.2. Adoption consideration of amended policy moved to June BOD meeting.

VII. Board of Director Terms and Election of Officers

- Roy Martinez motioned to renew Mark Alpert, Tracy Scroggins, and Nicole Smith as Directors with terms extended to May of 2021.
- Thomas Wendling seconded.
- All in attendance approved.
- Jeff Berg motioned that
 - Mark Alpert continue as the BOD Chair and President
 - Rudy Lukez continue as Vice President
 - Nicole Smith continue as Treasurer
 - Jeff Berg continue as Secretary
- Tracy Scroggins seconded.
- All in attendance approved.
- Jeff Berg inquired regarding the BOD bylaw wording stipulating Class A Director appointment in even numbered years. Mark Alpert related that the BOD is examining the bylaws considering BOD composition, director terms and selection process.

VIII. Technical Update to Articles of Incorporation

- Roy Martinez motioned to amend article X of the Articles of Incorporation to align with charter contract.
- Thomas Wendling seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

IX. Public comment

- A student indicated decision to not enroll at STEM in the fall citing issues with lack of consistency, staff and faculty retention, and communication. The student alluded to a concerns document/petition initiated by students.

- A parent voiced concern with school environment and timeliness of class scheduling while lauding efforts of PTO.
- A parent suggested that the BOD consider recording and streaming BOD meetings. Mark Alpert stated that to date the BOD has not recorded or streamed open sessions of BOD meetings.
- A parent echoed previous suggestion and suggested broader dissemination of BOD meeting announcements possibly through email. The parent communicated continuing concerns and questions with the STEM Special Education process, plans for expansion, and plans for the playground. Mark Alpert indicated that he and Robert Hoornstra are working with parents to include playground planning in the site plan.
- A parent suggested that STEM consider hiring a full-time SRO and implementing background checks on volunteers.
- A student suggested yellow ribbon style process as an outlet for student depression.

X. Adjourn public session

- Mark Alpert motioned to adjourn public session.
- Tracy Scroggins seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

XI. Convene executive session

The Board may vote to recess into executive session pursuant to:

C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I): Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators

C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice

- BOD did not convene to executive session.