

Date: November 15, 2017	Meeting Chair: R.Borchert/K.Weiffenbach	Location: STEM School Elem Cafeteria
	Recorder: L. Kingman	Time: 6-8:00p

Attendees

Committee members	Role	Present		Role	Present
Renee Borchert	Co-chair	Y	Thomas Wendling	STEM BOD Member	Y
Karyn Weiffenbach	Co-chair*	Y	Ed Spencer	STEM SAC Member	N
Jeannie Kerr	Vice-chair	N	Lauren Pickett	STEM SAC Member	Y
Dr. Karen Johnson	STEM Elem Principal	Y	Becky McCreary	STEM SAC Member	N
Lori Kingman	Recorder/Elem Rep	Y	Maura Ridder	STEM MS Faculty Rep	Y
Lynne Paris	PTS Rep on SAC & STEP President	Y	Deborah Marshall	STEM Elem Faculty Rep	Y
Susan Montgomery	PTS Rep (STEP)	Y	Meredith Jimenez	STEM Faculty Rep	

TBD	Community Rep	N		STEM Parents / STEP members	Y
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Acronyms

DCSD BOE = Douglas County School District Board of Education
 BOD: STEM Board of Directors
 DAC: District Accountability Committee: <https://www.dcsdk12.org/district-accountability-committee>
 CDE: Colorado Dept of Education
 ES: Elementary School
 MS: Middle School
 HS: High School
 PBL: Problem Based Learning

Agenda, Action Items, and Meeting Notes

	Agenda Item	Topic Member	Minutes: Topic Summary	Questions & Action Items	Resolved
1	Welcome / Introductions / Celebrations	Renee Borchert, STEM SAC Co-Chair	Introductions were made around the table. Meeting was a joint SAC & STEP meeting attended by SAC, STEP, STEM faculty & admin, STEM BOD member, and STEM parents.		

2	September meeting minutes approved by the SAC	Lori Kingman, STEM SAC Recorder	Lori confirmed the October meeting minutes were approved.		
3	Principal Report	Dr. Karen Johnson, STEM Elem Principal	<p>Middle School: Keystone Science Field Trip coming up – need volunteers Interviewing for a replacement for Mrs. Swaub (will go on maternity leave). CyberPatriot team doing very well – led by Ms. Basu</p> <p>Elementary School: Fall Festival – MS students taught physics to ES students Cheerleaders working with the Elem “Cheerlittles” Computer Science night – will happen regularly throughout the year</p> <p>High School: 11/2 – Highschool Showcase. 120 people attended. Many students signed up for the 9th wait list – more than last year. College search started for juniors – well attended. 12/7 – Concurrent Enrollment info night. 12/15 – Immersive Arts Experience (collaborative theater experience): HS act out their own murder mystery with collaboration with MS students.</p>		

			<p>Overall school updates: October count: 1,814 ← we will be funded at that level Starting 12/1, they will start reaching out to families off the waitlist. Will add fourth class to the Kindergarten. Need to fill some numbers in 1st grade. Approved by Douglas County for 1,850. We can anticipate that we will have 75 students participating in concurrent enrollment. Professional Day in Nov: Teachers are working on their own PBL that they want to improve on. Working on meeting kids with special needs (IEPs, ALPs, etc). Another team is working on community partnerships.</p>		
4	Staff updates	Meredith Jimenez, STEM 1 st Grade Faculty	<p>Elem School: 2nd grade has been studying communities – how would you colonize another planet? Mars habitation. 2nd grade virtual field trip to Lockheed Martin. Working with other countries with global learning experience (the SYNC communications hub). 3rd grade actually went to Lockheed Martin for field trip. 5th grade – Colorado School of Mines came to teach kids logic of programming. Students are doing programming almost every day. 5th grade Revolutionary War re-enactment planning is coming up Snow Mountain Ranch field trip coming up First movie night at Elem</p>		

		<p>High School: Immersive Art Experience (will only have 100 tickets on sale) on 12/15 Egg drop contest AP Physics I – mouse trap project Spanish Honors Society – Working with rural school in Mexico. Planning a charity dinner in Dec. CyberPatriot – Mr. Ryan will post results soon</p> <p>Middle School updates: Ga Ga Ball Tournament during 10th period on 12/1 Veteran’s Day was a success Science Expedition 7th grade on second week of Seacamp 8th grade researching internships, just returned from Kansas City Trip Box top collection drive Week 2 of Clothing Drive for Student Council Cameron Ryan working with Google – putting together a team with MS Computer Science teachers and Elem teachers to help facilitate teaching programming skills in classroom. 10 STEM teachers will go to Google – Boulder to visit.</p>		
5	PTO update	<p>Money that would’ve been used for large playground (currently held up in that process due to DCSD) may go to enhancing the PA system in the hallways, conference rooms and common areas and a card reader system – PTO votes this week to confirm</p>		

			<p>STEM Gives raised \$68K (compared to avg fundraising amount across Douglas County \$57K)</p> <p>Spring Auction planned</p> <p>No update on STEM billboard signs - \$32K still earmarked for 2 signs. Cost may be more since selected vendor needed to be changed.</p>		
6	DAC Forum Update	Renee Borchert, STEM SAC Co-Chair	<p>Introduction – how are Colorado schools funded? District funds and department budgets</p> <p>Budget Committee will present the survey results at the November DAC meeting and will deliver results to each SAC.</p> <p>Offering additional educational contacts to what district budgets entail. Renee will send out to SAC committee.</p> <p>Jean Medberry attended the Fall Forum (end of October) –</p> <p>Safe to Tell (texts will go to the police and school admin), Rachel’s Challenge. November is National Bullying Prevention Month. PBIS (Positive Behavior) program (Ex: teachers give shout outs for good character and kids give shout outs to each other). Will have the NED show December 20 – promotes kindness, giving.</p>		
7	BOD Update	Dr. Karen Johnson, STEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dsiccused community rep potential at BOD meeting. Mark Alpert has some connections. 		

	Elem Principal and Lauren Pickett, STEM SAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Park updates – Elem students will be performing music when the park opens in the Spring. - Mr. Clarke’s students gave a mini-concert - Driveline report: Committee of 4 recognized for all of their hard work. - Dr. Johnson gave parent survey presentation - Ms. Weyman gave MS Innovation Plan presentation - 1,100 people on waitlist – biggest wait lists are Kindegarten and 6th grade - Financial report: 107 days in reserve (vs. other schools with 20 days in reserve). \$3,500 in emergency fund, all staff will have their longevity bonuses. Facilities are 12% of the budget. We are currently 18% below budget overall. - Mr. Schall is doing golf fundraiser with corporate sponsors - Protecting private student info – new law that every student in Colorado has to be protected. Every technology resource must be vetted. Need to make sure our own STEM network is hack proof. 		
Project Updates	Dr. Karen Johnson, STEM Elem Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No UIP or project updates at this time. • Other: Anne Reinking was asked questions that were not appropriate for a social worker. Anne does not manage IEPs. Dr. Johnson recommends that someone from LSS department to find out 		

			who would be best to address the questions.		
8	Open Forum (Questions / Comments)	Parents in attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much is budget for playground? \$1M all in, \$200K for just leveling and laying down grass. • Why is the playground delayed? One tech park neighbor of STEM opposed the playground approval at the DCSD Board meeting • There could be a concern with uprooting an endangered jumping mouse species that lives on the field • How do we bring in more parents to participate in SAC and STEP meetings? Conference options are being looked at. • Can parents get info on ICAP sooner? Parents are only hearing through their student that they have taken the career assessment. ← Karen Johnson will take that back to counseling/admin that they need to communicate better to parents (include in newsletter) and have Naviance login sent to parents earlier. Houses ALP and ICAP info. Naviance is set up with their douglas county student email. • Principal Pages are a little cumbersome to click through and load and to subscribe ← Karen Johnson will take this feedback to the Communication Dept. • What is the homework policy over the holidays and breaks? 		

9	Next SAC Meeting		Date: Jan 17, 2017 6-8pm Location: Elem Cafeteria		
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