

## STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

April 7, 2020  
5:30pm – 7:00pm  
Virtual with Zoom

### MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** **5:30-5:45**
- i Roll Call**
- Call to Order at 5:35PM.
  - Directors present: Nicole Smith, Roy Martinez, Rudy Lukez, Trevor Kilpatrick, Thomas Wendling, Jeff Berg, Ramesh Thatavarthi.  
Directors absent: Tracy Scroggins
  - Other attendees: Penny Eucker, Leanne Weyman, Karen Johnson, Stephanie Mendrala, Nicole Bostel, Mike Pritchard, Pam Watson Korbel, Karyn Weiffenbach, Aleza Bautista, Kelly Reyna, and approximately 24 other attendees.
- ii Pledge of Allegiance**
- Nicole Smith initiated the pledge of allegiance.
- II. Reciting of the Mission Statement**
- Rudy Lukez recited the mission statement.
- III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes**
- Roy Martinez motioned to approve the 3/3/2020 minutes.
  - Thomas Wendling seconded.
  - All directors present approved.
- IV. Student government presentation- informational** **5:45-5:55**
- Leanne Weyman delivered the student government presentation.
  - Due to COVID-19 restrictions, plans are underway for a virtual graduation.
  - The student government is making tentative alternate plans for other senior and student body events to comply with social distancing requirements.
  - The senior class is investigating the painting of a legacy parking spot in the school parking lot.
- V. Strategic Plan- action item for vote** **5:55-6:30**
- Goal 1- Teacher care model-Stephanie Mendala**
- Goal 2- Trust- Karyn Weiffenbach**
- Goal 3- Independent source of funding- Roy Martinez**
- Goal 4- Distributed leadership- Leanne Weyman**
- Goal 5- Community alignment- P.J. Eucker**

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- Each of the leads of the five goals presented on status of and refinements to the strategic goals.
- Thomas Wendling offered kudos for the work on and progress of the strategic plan.
- Trevor Kilpatrick mentioned that the physical condition and appearance of the school buildings should remain an important consideration.
- After board discussion, the directors asked for parent feedback and questions.
  - A parent asked if school would include a virtual component as we move past the response to COVID-19. Dr. Eucker indicated that this may be a possibility.
  - A parent asked if there are plans for a library on campus. The BOD and administration are considering this option.
  - A parent asked why reserve funds are not specifically included in the strategic plan. Roy Martinez mentioned that maintaining flexibility with these funds is the primary reason for not specifically including them in the strategic plan.
  - A parent asked about the status of the school parking lot. Plans are to repave and line the parking lot in the summer of 2020.
- Trevor Kilpatrick motioned to approve the Strategic Plan in its current form.
- Rudy Lukez seconded.
- All directors present approved.

**VI. Executive Director's report**

**6:30-6:40**

**i Covid-19 update**

- The leadership team consisting of Leanne Weyman, Karen Johnson, Stephanie Mendrala, Star Ake, Mike Pritchard, Robert Hoornstra, Nicole Bostel, Hannah Reese, and Karen Lewis presented the board a written update for COVID 19 including current status and potential risks.
- Penny Eucker recognized the pain and effort involved in moving forward in the COVID-19 environment.
  - Janitorial staff is deep cleaning the campus.
  - The business office has a conservative projection approach. The budget for the next fiscal year may need modification when the legislature establishes potential per pupil revenue changes based on the Colorado's economic response to COVID-19.
- Current virtual learning uses canvas for grades 5 and up and another platform for kindergarten through fourth grade. Penny Eucker is proud of the faculty response to the need to switch to the virtual learning environment. The school was well prepared for this switch because of its experience with virtual days resulting from school closure due to weather. This mode will extend through the remainder of the academic year.

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**ii Plans for graduation**

- The school is surveying senior students and parents and senior students will participate in a zoom virtual meeting as part of steps to determine graduation plans for the class of 2019-2020.

**iii Returning student belongings**

- The school has purchased 1800 baggies and is in the process of establishing the protocol to return student belongings including medications.
- The goal of the protocol is to adhere to social distancing and that no families enter the building.

**VII. Polling Platform for Parent Survey and**

**6:40-6:50**

**Board Class A Election-request for applications**

- The election for the Class A Director seat currently held by Thomas Wendling will be held online during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Nicole Smith appointed Rudy Lukez and Mike Pritchard as the election committee.
- The SAC parent survey might take place on the election software. If not, then the survey will take place on the previously used google platform. Thomas Wendling reminded everyone that the charter renewal contract stipulates a 30% response rate on the survey.

**VIII. PTO update**

**6:50-7:00**

- Aleza Bautista delivered the update.
- The most recent meeting was a joint meeting with SAC featuring a presentation from Dr. Greg Cannady on the building ships program. The meeting included discussion of communication and engagement and plans for next year.
- Awards for the current grant cycle are extended through to the May meeting.
- The next meeting is on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. SAC update**

**7:00- 7:10**

- Kelly Reyna Delivered the update.
- The parent survey will take place during the month of April.
- The committee is gauging interest and soliciting members for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- An election for new officers will occur either within 30 days of the end of the current academic year or within 30 days of the beginning of the next academic year.
- SAC advises that the driveline committee be reactivated.
- The most recent meeting contained a discussion of the elementary cafeteria.
- The next meeting on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, will be a zoom meeting.

**X. Public comment**

**7:10**

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- A parent inquired if there would be financial impacts for the lawsuits resulting from the incident on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Presently, the school does not anticipate any negative financial impact from the lawsuits.

**XI. Adjourn public session**

- At 7:15, Thomas Wendling motioned to adjourn public session and convene executive session.
- Rudy Lukez seconded.
- All directors present approved.

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

- Rudy Lukez motioned to adjourn executive session.
- Roy Martinez seconded.
- The executive session ended at 8:07.