



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes February 17, 2021

Meeting Date: February 17, 2021

Meeting Location: via ZOOM per Covid-19 Guidelines

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Present:

David Emge , SAC Chair

Kelly Reyna, Vice-Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Tamara Emge, DAC Rep and PTS Adult

Angela Tolar, Parent Rep

Carla Gustafson, Parent Rep

Erin Gomez, Parent Rep

Suzanne Escobosa, Secondary Rep

Michelle Gasser, Elementary Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Community Rep: Jason O'Rourke

Absent:

Guests: Abbi Kaplan, Aleza Bautista, E Z, Jane, Jeanie Brevoort, Kimberly Lander, Melissa Sager, Samantha Decker, Simi Basu, Maria Moreno, Kelly Fitzgerald, Anonymous Galaxy S8, Kzerr, Janet Arnold, Nicole Bostel

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair

Recite Mission and Vision Statements

Introductions

Determine Quorum

January meeting minutes - Motion to accept then seconded, approved unanimous motion carries

Minutes from February 9, 2021- Motion to accept then seconded, approved unanimous motion carries

Guest Speaker:

Melissa Sager, JD, Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Tri-County Health Department

Ongoing Business:

UIP Report

Dr. Johnson spoke about UIP which still is in draft form but provided a high level look.

A draft will be sent out to SAC

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March 1st it goes to Douglas County

UIP's are used for every school in the state of CO, and they are required to provide a school improvement plan

Talked about challenges for this year...ie no CMAS from last spring so no data

CMAS hopefully will be last week of March, first week of April

Another challenge is that STEM is k-12. Lots of data whereas many schools don't have as much data.

There are new CDE academic standards

Covid challenges

STEM has identified 3 improvements

align to strategic plan, align to Professional Development and Data Informed Instruction

Talked more in depth about strategies to align to strategic plan

Talked about align with Professional Development

Talked about how to align with data informed instruction goal

Showed the UIP online and what has to be filled out etc

cde.state.co.us/district-school-dashboard to see info

STEM submits a new one every other year because STEM is such a high achieving school.

Fielded questions

Approval of Nov Meeting Minutes -

Discussion of as written or with no names

David putting verbiage together letting people know that this is a public comment arena.

Motion to approve November minutes with no names and was seconded - majority yeah, motion carries

Selection of Bylaw Committee Members – Look at Bylaws as written, cross reference with school understanding Bylaws are regulated.

Who is interested in being on Sub Committee: Carla, Tamara, Michelle, Suzanne, Jason O'Rourke all volunteered

Motion to approve the new Bylaw committee then seconded - majority approved motion carries

Motion to David sending email to board requesting they help on subcommittee then seconded - majority approved, motion carries

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Teacher Report:

ES report by Michelle Gasser :

Learning PBL, March 1-5 is the love of reading, community members to read to students virtually
Spirit week coming up

Look for that in the parent newsletter.

Secondary report by Suzanne Escobosa.

Fridays PD was great. 20 participated in mental health certified

STEM needs to track PD hours better

Coming up for MS and HS. Trying to get students to Tedex talks, Digitales in the theater group., sign up for talent show, MS has a meme's contest,

Concerns: very concerned students use of phones during classes and virtually.

In our current situation academic honesty

Climate control in the building

Director Report:

Reported on by Dr. Karen Johnson.

Waiting to hear about the renewal from DCSD, they approved us, but not in writing.

Communicated out our transition plan

Enrollment is 1785, about 100 students less than our capacity

Virtual tours every other Wednesday

Intent to returns for teachers

Draft stages of master schedule for next year.

CMAS/PSAT end of March and April info on website

DAC Report:

David Emge gave a report on DAC.

Aleza Bautista took notes for him because he was at SAC

Heavy on finance

PTO Report:

Given by Tamara Emge.

PTO initiated a thank you card to our speaker tonight

Question of if they should provide a budget to SAC

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PTO Liaison (PTS on SAC)

Thinking about \$300 a year rolling over year to year to cover incidentals like a thank you card etc
Childrens Hospital came to PTO asking for participation. They want to do a fundraiser working with
Mile High Catering to prepare frozen meals and people could buy, a percentage goes to Childrens
Hospital of Colorado.

STEMFEST is virtual this year

Talk about a scholarship program to students after they graduate

Hospitality is working well with parents

BOD Report:

Given by David Emge

Financial discussions

Community Report

Introduction of Jason O'Rourke, certified MHFA

From Centura Health

Pastor

Centura has 2 major points in community:

Mental Health

Food insecurity issues

Subcommittee Reports: Deferred

Upcoming meeting will discuss what subcommittees we should have in order to do our duties.

Committee for Diversity, Inclusion and Equity

Safety and Wellness Committee

Survey Committee

Financial

Driveline

OPEN FORUM

David read the verbiage that will now be at every SAC meeting:

“We would now like to open it up for public comment. This is where we invite any community
members to take up to 3 minutes (timed) to speak directly to the SAC board. Please keep in mind that

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this is a public venue, and it is our standard practice to document the names of anyone who chooses to participate, and publish them in our meeting minutes. That being said, we ask that you remain mindful of how you represent yourself, and to keep your comments respectful.”

Nicole Bostel – read a statement regarding SAC being able to contact staff.

Determination of Next SAC Meeting

PTO doesn't need to do a joint meeting. Suggestion made for the Wednesday after Spring Break.
March 24th

Next SAC Meeting March 24, 2021 will be posted on the All School Calendar

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