



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes May 19, 2021

Meeting Date: May 19, 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

Tamara Emge, PTS Adult

Angela Tolar, Parent Rep

Erin Gomez, Parent Rep

Suzanne Escobosa, Secondary Rep

Michelle Gasser, Elementary Rep

Carla Gustafson, Parent Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Community Rep: Jason O'Rourke

Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 6:03

Recite Mission and Vision Statements

Introductions

Determine Quorum

Minutes from April 21, 2021 approved

Standing Reports:

Teacher Report:

ES report by Michelle Gasser :

Beach party for the last in person day. Teachers still feeling good

Secondary report by Suzanne Escobosa.

Still have a few more days to go.

Graduation tomorrow

Grading, grading, grading

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Director Report:

Reported by Dr. Karen Johnson

Graduation tomorrow with nice weather

Senior honor night last week

10M in scholarships this year alone for our seniors

Finished AP in person testing, moving to digital AP tests at home through June 11

Master schedule released to staff today.

In the process of filling a number of positions. Many are filled but not all

Grades in Infinite Campus by Tuesday around 5pm

Middle School dance on Monday

Welcome to High School party next week as well

Parent survey responses about 200 so far. Kind of a low turnout, deadline extended to next week

Curriculum committee met

DAC Report:

Given by Tamara Emge

DAC is supposed to know who are our members are

Kids 12+ can receive COVID vaccine, DCSD encouraging vaccines

Removed tuition for summer school

Question if charter schools have tuition free summer school, STEM already has tuition free summer school

PTO Report:

Given by Tamara Emge.

Sat is outdoor movie theater night with a shuttle

5pm, games, bring drinks, masks optional

Question: what is PTO doing to help teacher retention?

They give grants and wanted pictures of the items they were able to get with the grants

Some teachers saying they never got items. Over > \$11,000 in stuff not received

Teacher appreciation week went well

Academic Letters awarded over 300 letters awarded, pins after that

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BOD Report:

Kelly and Carla

Working with Heidi and Karyn working through parent letter

Lots of parents attended last BOD meeting

Dr. Eucker's contract is on web, she has had 3 consecutive extensions approved by the board, then her contract would expire July 2022

Trying to understand the process so we can grant an extension or deny it.

Some communication between all parties is a good thing

CHSSA gym project moving forward

Community Report

Given by Jason O'Rourke – absent at the time.

Conclude Review of Leadership Evaluation- no evaluation to review, motion to table it next meeting, 2nd and motion carried

what metrics should be on evaluation?

SAC Webpage Content

take off CDE report from 2013 due to Relevance? Discussion

Historical part of SAC? Prior recommendations? Maybe a resource for new members to review

Maybe moving forward we can keep track of recommendations and keep it in a historical section

How can we make a process to facilitate change on the website

Motion to table a subcommittee until new SAC are in, then have a creation of new committee for web site, motion 2nd and carried

Motion for recommendation for SAC page to have a section for current tabled action items, 2nd and motion carried

Finalize ByLaws Amendments for Board Approval

Tamara and Michelle and Carla

sent email with all the info on it

review changing to have 2 teacher reps, change it to 4 parents, Update on abstentions

motion to have bylaws revised k-5 and 6-12 teacher reps, 2nd, motion carried

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motion to have bylaws revised that we are required to have a minimum of 4 parents ; 2nd and carried

Abstentions issue. If you follow Roberts Rules of Order...should not impact your vote...abstains don't matter. If your bylaws state a simple majority vote of above voting matter...you restrict yourself and it does matter.

Motion to continue subcommittee to next year, 2nd and motion carried

New Business

Filling of next years open positions

Jan Albicki ES parent,

RonAlea ES parent, background in HR,

DJ Stein

Ben Ryder ES parent, some volunteer experience, Cybersecurity specialist

motion to approve Jan, Ronalea and DJ.

motion upon Davids leave for Ben Ryder to fill Davids seat.

Return to the tabled motion of the subcommittee to review web page. Will work with Nicole. Deep dive into the webpage and as well as being an intermediary between SAC and school.

Motion to recommendation remove CDE SAC and CDE Charter school, next communications committee can 2nd, motion carried with 2 abstain 3 no's motion carries

motion to have a new subcommittee communications committee headed by Kelly, 2nd and motion carried

OPEN FORUM

David reminded public that names and comments will be recorded.

Suzanne Escobosa – welcomed new members. Thanked those who are on the SAC.

Kelly – said thank you to those who are leaving.

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Tamara – Thanked everyone and let us know she's running for DAC

David - Thanked the SAC

Jason – Wanted to appreciate everybody on the SAC.

Dr. J – Wanted to thank the SAC

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

Motion for adjournment at 8:15 motion seconded, majority agreed , motion carries

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