



## STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes September 15, 2021

Meeting Date: September 15, 2021

Meeting Location: STEM School Highlands Ranch – High School Commons

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Present:

Kelly Reyna, SAC Chair

Jason O'Rourke, Vice-Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Bernadette Amaya, DAC Rep

Carla Gustafson, Parent Rep

D.J. Steines, Parent Rep

Ben Ryder, Parent Rep

Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep

Secondary Rep - none

Samantha Liebenow, Elementary Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Community Rep:

Guests: Carletta Stewart, Kimberly Lander, Michael Houghton

Meeting was called to order at 5:41

Pledge

Recite Mission and Vision Statements

Introductions

Determine Quorum

Minutes from August 24, 2021 motion made to approve; motion second and approved, 2 abstained due to absences

### **Standing Reports:**

Director Report by Dr. Karen Johnson:

Enrollment roughly 1725

Official count day is the first day of October

Hiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> online elementary teacher because there is a waitlist for online

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Mr. Alsup wants us to know we are launching E-sports. This is CHSAA certified.

Meeting with all seniors today, Jostlens was there with graduation materials

Ms. Ridder wants everyone to know, having boys middle school bathroom issues,  
possible tik tok challenge, investigating how or why

Homecoming Pep Rally coming up

So far teachers feeling a good launch to the year

**Dr. Carletta Stewart**, Replication and Compliance Officer

Replication for new STEM school

Math teacher started today but is being onboarded, will be in class soon

Friday they onboarded new engineering teacher

Still have Computer Science opening

COVID updates STEM #1 ranked in the state for most cases

Tri County says for the next 28 days every case has to be investigated to see if it's related to the August breakout.

Almost done with the 28 days

School Performance Framework Report

Talked about UIP

Submit every 2 years

Last April went through this

DCSD, then state (DOE). School view and find the data

Major Improvement Strategies:

- 1 Alignment to strategic plan
- 2 Alignment of Professional Development
- 3 Data Informed Instruction

Went over the school performance Framework in detail

Went over Iready, CMAS and PSAT 8/9/10 history of scores and PSAT/NMSQT SAT

Field Trips are coming back

Teacher Report:

Elementary School: after having to go remote for a bit, teachers and kids are happy to be back in the classroom

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Transition to remote was smooth  
Going over expected behaviors in the school  
Back to School night was last week  
Clubs began and students are heavily involved  
Student council election coming up

Secondary: No Report

DAC Report: no report. Meeting is coming up September 16, 2021  
PTO Report: no report  
BOD Report by Carla Gustafson: Meeting was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September  
Student Government update  
Computer Science club  
Robert Hoornstra talked about the gym project  
Projects related to the P-Tech in another building  
Dr. Euker talked about hiring update  
Looking for a grant writer; have applicants  
Rudy stepped down as chair, still on board  
Officer election, Roy Martinez is chair but his term expires this June 2021  
Kelly Reyna is Vice Chair  
Nicole Smith is Treasurer  
Carla Gustafson is secretary

Community Report: none

### **On-going Business**

Sub-Committee etiquette -

Went over the Purpose and Expectations for Sub-Committees as well as suggestions which will be discussed in more detail. Kelly and Jason will review document that was started last year and present it at next SAC meeting.

Review of SAC Member current term status:

Kelly and Amy's membership expires June 2022

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DJ, Ronalea, Jason and Bernadette have an optional 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 year membership on 6/1/2023

Carla is going to look more into that within our bylaws to see if a vacancy is eligible to continue into a second 2-year term.

### **New Business:**

Zoom meetings to encourage parent engagement -

Discussion of having SAC meetings virtual to include more parents. Pros and Cons. Pro is more parents may be able to attend and be involved. Con is public comment could go on for quite some time.

Going to consult with Nicole and IT to see if this is feasible and those who are passionate about public comment would still have to come in person to SAC.

### **Open Forum:**

No one had any public comment

Next SAC is November 17, 2021

7:13 pm Adjournment motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

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