



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes February 16, 2022

Meeting Date: February 16, 2022

Meeting Location: Via Zoom (weather)

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Present:

Kelly Reyna, SAC Chair

Jason O'Rourke, Vice-Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Carla Gustafson, Parent Rep

D.J. Steines, Parent Rep - absent

Ben Ryder, Parent Rep -

Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep

Secondary Rep - TBD

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Community Rep: none

Absent: Samantha Liebenow, Bernadette Amaya

Guests: Iphone13Pro, Ishmeet Kalra, Janet Arnold, Jessica Waselkow, Kelly Moore, Kimberly Lander, LynAnn Kovalesky, Mia Ketter, Monica Boyd, Paige McEnery, Ryan Alsup, Tawnya Houghton

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Pledge

Recite Mission and Vision Statements

Determine Quorum

Motion made to approve minutes from January 19, 2022 Motion seconded and majority approved.

Standing Reports:

Director Report by Dr. Karen Johnson:

Offers for teachers will be out by the end of March

STEM works with teachers if they want/need a different position

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BOD meeting, at the secondary level, exploring virtual Fridays.
Sending survey to teachers, parents, staff
Have to work with CDE for instructional minutes requirements, have to be in compliance
Exploring, expansion in that area.... if STEM was to choose a specified online program..what would that look like with DCSD and CDE.
Expansion and replication (Sterling Ranch). Expansion is online learning.
Submitting both to DCSD for consideration and approval
Site visit coming up 2/25 that entails a group from DCSD meeting with our leadership team
Strengths, challenges and UIP, strategic plan
ED position Christina Wu and Maura Ridder are leading the search group. Worked with Dr. Eucker and others to post the position. In house candidates first, then outside

It was brought up that emails to human resources are bouncing back, Dr. Johnson work with IT.
Hopes to provide some clarification.

Teacher Report:

Elementary: by LynAnn Kovalesky
Hope to add a 5th specials for elementary
Need a school counsellor at elementary
Do have a psychologist
Half time school counselor at 30 hours a week. Helping with 2nd step, and truly helping as an elementary instructor for the other time. FT position.
Thinks we definitely need a FT counsellor, helps with crisis response.
Push in...counsellor comes into the classroom for 2nd step type learning. Gives teachers a little more planning time.

Read across America starting
Community Events
Skate City
Masquerade Ball
Working with PTO for STEMFEST

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Doing well as teachers. Question to LynAnn...how are the teachers doing, overall. Teacher Support team seems to be helping. LynAnn feels they are feeling supported. Parent community outstanding. Most intending to return. Two not returning. One moving out of state, one leaving education.

No layoffs this year. There is a waitlist. Could have another kindergarten. Don't know that we'll maintain 5 classes at 4th grade. Teacher will be offered a different class.

Secondary: Ryan Alsup

Wish Week – March – Samuel, 5 y.o. Battling leukemia, wants to go to Noah's ark in KY

Process of putting together the events

Goal is 15k

Basketball season ended last week

E-sports starts now

Girls Soccer and Track and Field start end of this month

LAX working with Highlands Ranch HS this year only

Working with the district, trying to get a game for soccer on a district field under the lights

Enrollment numbers, we aren't growing, but not losing numbers

Student Advisory: Paige

four surveys out

hoping to help with interviews during the summer

internships with Dr. Cannady

DAC Report: Kelly Reyna

Winter Forum on the 17th of Feb at Rock Canyon HS Mental Health

Scott Ciphers (keynote for the forum)

PTO Report: Kelly Reyna

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BOD Report by Carla Gustafson:

Friday schedule

Starr did a presentation

Student groups

Robert talked about capital improvements

Talked about Euckers contract verbiage

new Executive Director position

DEI Report by Jason O'Rourke

Survey going out this week, for the new DEI web page. Recommends that STEM embrace the equity policy DCSD has now that they are going to dismantle. Good document for STEM, DEI going to recommend that to the board. Conversation on equity vs equality.

Community Report: none

Committee Updates:

Parent Engagement- Carla

Parent Trust Strategic Plan Committee

Changed name to Building Community Partnerships

Newsletters for elementary, Canvas for MS and HS

Tracking attendance for activities

Volunteering, ways to track and increase parent volunteering

LynAnn is chair of committee

Can't have more than 2 people from SAC for sunshine laws.

Ben and Ronalea are the 2 reps.

Ongoing Business:

Student Participation in SAC

Temporary way to provide a student rep for SAC

Had a google form for those interested. Almost a week opened. 4 students interested.

Feedback from Student Advisory if teachers vote on this, it's a popularity contest.

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Dr. Johnson has a spreadsheet, with no names for SAC to see and we vote just based on info on spreadsheet.

All 4 were invited to this meeting, however it was kind of late notice.

Possible to have all 4 help create the position in the bylaws. Responsibilities were to work with all level of student government to represent all levels of the school.

Have them all 4 attend last meetings is the general consensus
not a voting person this year

Motion to invite 4 students to the remainder of the year
second and motion passes

Open Forum:

Public Comment - none

Next SAC is working session no zoom March 23, 2022 at 5:30 with a mental health focus at the Center
April at the center

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion seconded and passed

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