



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes August 2022

Meeting Date: August 24, 2022

Meeting Location: 8920 Barrons Blvd - Mechatronics Lab

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Logistics

Call to Order: 5:40 pm

Jason O'Rourke made a short announcement on what the SAC does and that is to Hear, to Inform/Educate, and to Refer. Hear concerns of community members, Inform and Educate community members, and Refer suggestions to the appropriate authorities.

Present:

- Jason O'Rourke Chair Elect
- Ishmeet Kalra Parent Rep
- Ronalea Alleman Parent Rep
- D.J. Steines Parent Rep
- Heidi Peterson PTO Rep
- Liz Bestch Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng Parent Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu Parent Rep
- Dr. Karen Johnson Interim CEO KOSON Schools
- LynAnn Kovalesky Executive Director

Absent:

- Andrew Mauger
- Andrea Day
- Tatyana Akhmetova
- Stephanie Ramirez
- Audi Rubin
- Sarah Hart
- Bryan Otteson
- Tenesha Litwiler
- Cathy Ohm

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Mary Busam, Veronica Albertoni, Alex Albertoni, Kelly Reyna, Eknara Dassanayake, Kimberly Lander, Mia Ketter, Stephanie Ramirez

Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement

**Motion to approve the May 24, 2022 Minutes with amendment to the spelling of Ishmeet Kalra's name:
Seconded - Carried**

Director Report:

Reported by Dr. Johnson and LynAnn Kovalesky. Current enrollment is about 1560 and they are finding that close to 90% of unenrolled students are found to be moving out of state. Small waitlist at 5th and Kindergarten.



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There are currently 3 Kindergarten classes but the waitlist does not support the numbers to add an additional class at this time.

Staffing needs include, 5th grade teacher, k-8 Dean, Counseling, Speech, Secondary Engineering, Secondary English, and support staff. Currently working with an employment headhunter for the Engineering position and to help with special services we are contracting that out on a temporary basis.

Construction update: 4 new classrooms and the middle school cafeteria are operational and the temporary breezeway is now accessible for students to access the new rooms and cafeteria. Gym construction is underway and scheduled for completion by January 2023. There has been a delay in occupancy for 3 secondary classrooms due to a support beam that needed to be added to the new gym expansion.

Melony Fitzroy is the new Enrichment Coordinator and has had extreme success with launching many programs and hosted a Club Rush for students to learn more about clubs offered. 1st Lego League has been reintroduced and had over 40 kids sign up. Still searching for volunteers to support TSA and Cyber Patriots.

LynAnn Kovalesky reported that High School is completely separate from Middle School; it has been in the making for a while and with extra efforts by Dr. Johnson was successful in keeping all the HS classes in the HS building. ASL foreign language classes are being proctored by STEM staff in partnership with a BYU Instructor.

Ongoing Business:

Kelly Reyna gave an update on the Evolv Technology Security system that was originally presented to the BoD in November 2021 and discussed at the December 15, 2021 SAC Meeting. A Summary of the proposed security included that this is being offered to STEM as a pilot program for 4 years. The County Commissioner's office has 1.3 million dollars set aside for Innovation Security measures and has offered to support STEM if they would like to pilot the Evolv Security system. The BoD will discuss more during the September meeting. The Board will partner with STEM Leadership to decide on whether or not we will proceed with the pilot program.

Questions that arose from the discussion was: What kind of emotional concern will there be of students that are pulled aside if they are flagged? Can we engage students for feedback? Can we measure success points ie; year1, year 2, year 3, and year 4 to better understand if the security measures are working? Is the software also conducting Biometric/face detection and if so is the data recorded?

New Business:

2022-23 SAC Officers nominated: Jason O'Rourke Chair, D.J. Steines Vice Chair, Ishmeet Kalra Recorder.
Motion to approve 2022-23 SAC Officers - Seconded - Carried.

Discussion on how to address the additional SAC Members at Large



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Motion to accept Liz Bestch, Maria Pirvulescu, Ishmeet Kalra, and Tula Zeng as voting SAC Members at Large and to send a letter to the rest of the interested parents that did not attend the August meeting with Stephanie Ramirez included to extend their interest to the September SAC meeting- Seconded - Carried

SAC Sub-Committee alignment as follows:

- Communications: Ronalea Alleman
- UIP: Ishmeet Kalra, Maria Pirvulescu, Tula Zeng
- Parent Survey: D.J Steines., Liz Bestch
- DEI: Jason O'Rourke, Ishmeet Kalra
- DAC: Ishmeet Kalra, Bernadette Amaya
- PTO: Heidi Peterson

Still in need of Teacher Representatives and a Community Member

Open Forum: (Include all comments/responses made from guests)

Public comment was made by Alex Albertoni in regards to his concern with the STEM policy for the book selection process.

Public comment was made by Veronica Albertoni in regards to her concern with the STEM policy for the book selection process.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 7:25 pm: Seconded - Carried