



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes October 2022

Meeting Date: October 26, 2022

Meeting Location: 8920 Barrons Blvd - Mechatronics Lab

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Logistics

Call to Order: 5:38 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, Parent Rep
- D.J. Steines, Vice Chair, Parent Rep
- Ronalea Alleman, Communications Chair, Parent Rep
- Ishmeet Kalra, Recorder, Parent Rep
- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep
- Bernadette Amaya, DAC liaison, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Dr. Karen Johnson, Interim CEO KOSON Schools
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep

Absent:

- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Kelsey Farnan, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Heidi Peterson, PTO Representative
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep
- Stephanie Ramirez, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Jessica Baker

Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement

Motion to approve the September 2022 Minutes motion made to accept by Liz, motion seconded by D.J., motion passes unanimously.

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Director Report:

Dr. Johnson and LynAnn Kovalesky

- 1498 total enrollment after October count
- Working on a showcase event for school, open to entire district
- Construction update: finishing up and on track for January 2023 opening
- Parent conferences were a success, with lots of families participating. Discussion about organizing space to be less crowded. Will look into organizing differently next time and making sure teachers communicate in advance
- Boston trip this week, Seacamp trip in November

Standing Report:

- **Teacher Report:** Teachers not present. Discussion about SAC mailing list, some people didn't get SAC emails. Jason will look into making sure mailing list is updated
 - Elementary
 - Secondary
- **DAC Report**
 - DAC Bylaws and Best Practices List
 - Feedback about SAC bylaws and best practices list to help incorporate as they update SAC bylaws
 - Thinking of google form to certify each SAC member having read the SAC bylaws
 - Winter forum coming up, finalize topics next DAC meeting
 - Mental Health
 - CTE
 - Kids and Screen Time
 - Community partnership
 - Discussion about engaging youth, SPED community
 - Parenting resources
 - BOE liaison: Becky Myers
 - Voting on site for Lehman Academy
 - Only 1 person showed up to last BOE engagement on MLO/Bond in Crystal Valley
 - Castle Rock Town Council approved a resolution supporting MLO/Bond
 - DCSD staff can't advocate anymore because of campaign finance laws, but BOE directors continuing voter outreach
 - Car painting, informational events still ongoing
 - Staff liaison: Matt Reynolds
 - Secondary teacher position on DAC, recruiting in process. December deadline
 - https://www.dcsdk12.org/about/our_district/my_d_c_s_d_funding_needs
 - Each SACs could pass a resolution
 - Dr. Kirby
 - SB22-069, effective 2022-23
 - Educator effectiveness assessments

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- DAC Assessment recommendations with addendum accounting to the pause in teacher evaluation because of lack of valid state data and lack of SPF's through pandemic
- This year, need another addendum because data cannot be used as per SB 22-069
- Calendar Creation Process and timeline
 - https://www.dcsdk12.org/about/our_district/departments/school_leadership/calendars/calendar_creation_process
 - August 2022 - collected feedback from staff for 48 different options
 - September 2022 - collected feedback from the community for top 4 options. Also collected feedback from student advisory group
 - 14,048 respondents with a 65% completion rate
 - Weighted and popularity average
 - Top Calendar is Calendar A (weighted and popularity) for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025-
Recommendation to DAC
 - Second Choice was Calendar B
 - Will recommend to BOE for adoption
- UIP Recommendations
 - Data discussed last time
 - SB22-137
 - CDE Update
 - Plan considerations
 - Root causes: Lack of systematic implementation of state standards, PLC, data-driven instruction, etc
 - Major improvement strategies: implement and align instruction to CO academic standards, alignment of universal and targeted instruction, implement core reading programs
 - DAC approved to present recommendations to BOE
- Open discussion
 - Increase parent engagement through virtual meetings
 - Need three people to broadcast through the boardroom
 - Dec, Apr, and June DAC meeting will be online only (not simultaneous)
- Public comment
 - MBOC looking for members and volunteers to work on MLO/Bond measures
 - Castle View community member is upset about schedule changes without robust stakeholder input. Causing anger in the community, not good optics for MLO/Bond year. There is a significant lack of process.
- Next DAC meeting 10/27/22
- **PTO Report**
 - PTO's October meeting (also tonight) is dedicated to hearing and reviewing the Teacher's Grant requests
 - STEM Gives! had a soft launch on Monday, October 24 but the official launch will take place after the grant requests are presented tonight. PTO will be setting up banners and yard signs by the ES and MS drivelines later this week
 - PTO will be setting up (3) cars for Trunk or Treat
 - PTO is preparing for the Spartan Launch night
 - PTO will be hosting an informal meeting/interest gathering at Torchy's Tacos in near future

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- **BOD Report**
 - Calendar approved and submitted
 - Some policies updated and approved
 - Dr. Johnson's stipend approved
 - Resolution in support of MLO/Bond approved unanimously
 - Public comment about SBL
 - Search subcommittee working on consulting with Colorado League of Charters/HR for CEO of Koson schools
- **DEI Report**
 - Undergoing restructuring/rescheduling since there have been some scheduling changes
 - Amie is looking for a co-chair, and others to be active part of the committee
- **Community Report**
 - Still a vacancy on SAC

Ongoing Business:

- Parent Survey: SAC responsible for survey usually in spring, mandated by charter agreement
- Want to increase response rate to at least 25% to foster parent engagement and satisfaction
- Decided to create a pulse survey in fall, shorter time for response, easier for parents to give feedback
- Last fall to last spring showed significant increase in some categories, Dr. Johnson will share with SAC
- Feedback helps prioritized areas for improvements with streamlined communications, social-emotional needs, student academic needs, compliance, diversity and equity
- Implementing pulse survey will help with year-to-year data and trend analysis
- Discussion about increasing survey response rate, timing, etc.

New Business:

- Statement by SAC supporting MLO/Bond discussed
- Motion to release statement in newsletter by Ronalea, and seconded by Bernadette, passed unanimously

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

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 7:08pm by Bernadette, seconded by Ish, passed unanimously.

Next SAC meeting on November 16th, 2022