



## STEM School SAC Monthly Agenda November 16, 2022 Meeting

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Meeting Location: P-tech Building 8920 Barrons Blvd. Mechatronics Room

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

### AGENDA

#### 5:30 pm Meeting Logistics

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance and Reciting of the Mission statement
- Introductions
- Committee Attendees (determine quorum)

*Attendees: Jason O'Rourke, Chair, Parent Rep; D.J. Steines, Vice Chair, Parent Rep; Ronalea Alleman, Communications Chair; 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; LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director*

- Minutes- Approval of Minutes 10/19/22

#### 5:40 pm Main Items

- Director's Spotlight (Kovalesky)

*160 people responded to parent survey; Possibly do a second push; possibly directly to phone; May need to multiply methods of visibility for survey; Is Friday a great day for newsletter? Possible push during drive line*

*Construction should be done prior to new year*

*Access class: informal intervention time in bedded into class schedule and structure; Almost 400 individuals responded to inquiry into this program; Mandatory studying in middle school will probably be taken away, will be offered as elective; About 40 minutes, not full 90 minutes; This will start next fall.*

- Bernadette and STEM Center for Strength

*State sponsored; Center set up after the school shooting May 7, 2019; Grant extended to December 2023*

*Clinical services, art, activities, yoga, meditation, peer to peer book clubs (current book for staff, community, and parents – “the body keeps the score”), Dungeons and dragons, Fidget keychains,*

*All services are free: with clinical services are available to those directly impacted by the events on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Will be starting peer to peer gardening club*

*School is hosting resilience fair, Tuesday dec 13 from 6-8, enter through the elementary school, giving center and community resources for resilience*

*We need to prove to the grant that there is a need for the center to continue; It's hard to see student numbers because kids do not operate by scheduled programs*

### 6:15 pm New Business

Committee alignment

Communications Committee

*Do we want to meet on dec 21<sup>st</sup> or wait until January?; DJ Steins suggests cancelling and reconvening in January. This suggestion is approved.*

UIP Committee

Teachers Connection

*Excellent theater presentation, 7<sup>th</sup> graders went on a successful trip, 8<sup>th</sup> graders went to Boston, boys basketball has started, kids are excited about sport and new gym*

*There used to be more big trips for students, there is talk about taking kids to France next year; a lot of the trips issues has to do with teachers willing and able to chaperone, there is a push to get kids out more from the secondary school. Kelly Myrick (sic) is working with seniors on senior trip but it's not school sponsored*

Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement

DEI

*The meeting day and time is changing to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 4-530 pm; new co-Chair is Kate Jackson, location to TBD*

DAC

*Spoke about pushing mill bond, spoke about teacher of year who is Rocio Meli of Castle Rock, spoke about the UIP plan posted on school view, Ashley Summers from douglas county foundation attended the DAC (our PTO uses this foundation)-> the Douglas county foundation will support booster clubs, all of this foundation funding comes from donations, they exist to help PTO and booster clubs; the DAC is talking about going to block scheduling (90 minute classes with Friday being the 40 minute full day classes , with some parents unhappy about this change; the PATHWAYS program is slowly centralizing to the legacy campus (how with they move the students to and from legacy centers from highschoools?); CE courses are*

*encouraged, encourage your students to use the money available to them on this program; winter forum will happen at legacy focusing more on CTE tech programs,*  
○ PTO

*Have a fall grant cycle and spring grant cycle for teacher support, PTO grants 14900 for this fall grant cycle; the fundraising campaign "STEMGives", PTO money supports various need of student and teachers;*

6:45 pm Public Comment

*Mark Spoone, SBL what is SBL? Please clarify the rolling out, grading structure, etc., expresses confusion around the SBL among other parents; the PULSE survey was hard to find in the newsletter, maybe push it in the solely in a email; the grading scale is demeaning and demotivating;*

*Bernadette expresses concerns of students with SBL issues as well; grading is equally a challenge with SBL*

*Maria expresses similar concerns*

*Lynann acknowledges that this is working with grade school but not high school, they have heard from parents and pockets of teachers; LynAnn is committed to looking at the data and making the proper adjustments*

7:00 pm Adjournment Motion

*There was a motion to adjourn. This motion was approved.*

Next SAC Meeting: January 18, 2022

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