



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes January 2023

Meeting Date: January 25, 2023

Meeting Location: STEM School Highlands Ranch - MS Cafeteria

Time: 5:40pm – 7:46pm

Meeting Logistics

Call to Order: 5:40 pm

DJ Steines led the meeting. Ronalea was remote

Present:

- 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
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Dr. Karen Johnson, Interim CEO KOSON Schools
- Audie Ruben, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep

Absent:

- Kelsey Farnan, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Heidi Peterson, PTO Representative
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep
- Stephanie Ramirez, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Paige McEnery (student, in-person), Kimberly Lander (parent, remote), Maya Ketter (student, remote)

Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement

Motion to approve the November 2022 Minutes in February 2023 on account for not everyone having seen the minutes sent through email motion made by Audie, motion seconded by Ronalea, motion passes unanimously.



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Director Report:

Dr. Johnson

- New gym opening ceremony February 1, 2023 at 4:45 pm
- Update on Evolv security system
- DCSD Charter Renewal Visit went well, need minor details on paperwork but looking at one year approval
- New student enrollment underway, need more 1st grade families
 - Approximately 1500 current students
 - 1650 target
 - 1850 maximum occupancy
 - Need more at elementary, 6th grade, 9th grade, but flexible on adding classrooms if needed
 - Waitlist from November 2022

Waitlist	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026 and beyond
Kindergarten	209	86	64	56
1st	52	1	2	4
2nd	59	2	0	7
3rd	51	3	2	2
4th	59	5	0	1
5th	54	2	1	2
6th	84	7	8	8
7th	62	4	6	4
8th	49	1	2	0
9th	93	22	11	20
10th	27	0	2	1
11th	12	0	2	1
12th	3	0	0	3
Total	814	133	100	109

- Master schedule built off of waitlist for right sizing staff for upcoming school year
- Have new registrar, following enrollment process
- DCSD overall enrollment decreasing, demographics shifting
- Will start outlining intent to return for staff
- Discussion about staff turnover, exit surveys, etc. Paige wanted to know if student advisory could get data

Standing Report:

- **Teacher Report:**
 - Elementary: Ms. Samantha Ackley
 - Snow Mountain Ranch field trip upcoming
 - 100 day of school for kindergarten
 - Golden spatula reward for positive classroom behavior
 - Clothing drive
 - Lots of iReady reading growth

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- Secondary: Ms. Farnan not present
- **UIP**
 - No new updates
- **Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement**
 - [Parent Survey](#) Results
 - Discussion about bringing a feedback presentation from teachers, students, parents regarding SBG
 - Teacher feedback from Ms. Ackley (elementary vs. high school procedure differences)- she'll bring SAC feedback to staff SBG committee
 - Paige feedback was regarding and test grading inconsistencies (mean vs. mode)
 - Discussion around improving SBG
- **DAC Report - Ish**
 - MBEC:
 - Committee seeking 7 new members accepting applications now. Interviews this week and early next. Plans to make recommendations by the end of April. Three areas of interest and concern: Data Analysis, Community Outreach, Needs Analysis.
 - CART:
 - March is when CART gets busy; requested that a member of DCSEAC or a parent with a child with disabilities. District Special Ed rep is included.
 - DAC
 - Member application is live. 3 parents needed and 1 community member. Matt Reynolds wants to reach farther for a community member position. SAC Bylaws have been reorganized to be more succinct and in order.
 - Matt Reynolds-
 - Donations of 23K socks was Huge and brought much joy
 - Core Reading Plan update from board meeting. Still only using iReady data to show growth.
 - DAC Winter Forum this year is Career Pathways Expo at the Legacy Campus. February 16th from 6:30-8:30. All ages welcome. The March meeting will be a review of what worked and what didn't.
 - Supt. Kane Resolution:
 - Resolution to look at the Equity Policy. Hanover will assist as a 3rd party to develop the survey, lead focus groups and collect and report on data. The goal is to get feedback on policy and implementation not on the resolution. Lots of open ended questions. Currently plans of who should be included in the focus groups are people who applied for the EAC, people who have made public comments for/against the policy, students (mostly HS in my understanding). In the slides there are also staff opportunities but I do not know how they will choose.
 - All of this to commence and be finished by the middle of February.
 - CITE/LEAD update: Dr Deanne Kirby
 - DAC also acts as an Evaluation Council. This year is centered on SSP positions (Specialized Service Providers like SLPs, Speech Language Pathologist). Asked for feedback on "What Characteristics do you believe should be evident in our SSP rubrics?"
 - Public comment regarding Nichols' seclusion case that resulted in OCR complaint against district
- **PTO Report**
 - Heidi not present, Dr. Johnson

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- StemGives: \$12,500 raised, target was \$35,000
- Spring grant cycle underway
- Gym opening being supported
- Registration for HS Girls' tennis
- Also working on Academic Letter/Pin
- **DEI Report**
 - 1st meeting of year in-person with listen in zoom option 1/26/23 @ 4:00-5:30 pm in PTech Building Room 115
- **Community Report**
 - Still a vacancy on SAC
- **BOD Report**
 - Evolv Security System
 - DCSD Renewal Visit
 - Gym opening
 - [Center for Strength](#) programming
 - 6-7 activities per week targeting all age groups
 - Martial arts, yoga, book club, Paws2Read, MS and HS DnD
 - Younger kids not allowed without accompanied adults
 - Funded through December 2023, looking for more funding through grants and partnerships
- **Student Report: Student Advisory Group: Paige**
 - StemShares
 - Clothing Drive for a garage sale fundraiser
 - Movie night
 - Goodie bags for First Responders
 - Unicef fundraiser
 - SNHS fundraiser
 - Focus on setting up and using Club Council coordination with the student community to work in conjunction with fundraisers, issues, etc. Have a shared calendar and Slack channel

New Business:

- **Communications Committee - Ronalea:**
 - All future meetings will be in MS Cafeteria
 - Open up SAC membership in April
 - No meeting in March
- **Strategic Plan**
 - Need parent representation on strategic plan committee
- **Evolv Plan**
 - Need parent representation

Open Forum: No public comments

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn at 7:46 pm by Ish , seconded by Liz, passed unanimously.

Next SAC meeting on February 15th, 2023 in MS Cafeteria