

## STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes February 2023

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**Meeting Date: February 15, 2023**

**Meeting Location: Zoom**

**Time: 5:35 pm - 6:15 pm**

### Meeting Logistics

**Call to Order: 5:35pm**

### **Present:**

- Jason O'Rourke, Chair
- D.J. Steines, Vice Chair, Parent Rep
- Ishmeet Kalra, Recorder, Parent Rep
- Ronalea Alleman, Communications Chair, Parent Rep
- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin Parent Rep
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Stephanie Ramirez, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director  
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Kelsey Farnan, Secondary Teacher Rep

### **Absent:**

- Bernadette Amaya, DAC liaison, Parent Rep
- Dr. Karen Johnson, Interim CEO KOSON Schools
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Heidi Peterson, PTO Representative
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep

**Quorum Met: Yes**

**Guests: Kimberly Lander**

### **Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement**

**Motion to approve the November 2022 Minutes** motion made by Maria, motion seconded by D.J., motion passes. Ish abstained.

**Motion to approve the January 2023 Minutes** motion made by Ish, motion seconded by Maria, motion passes. Jason abstained.

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### Director Report:

LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director STEM School Highlands Ranch

- Weather today was challenging, made the best of it
- Getting ready for next year and building out Master Schedule, finishing up course selections

### Standing Reports:

#### ● **Teacher Report:**

- Elementary: Ms. Samantha Ackley
  - Snow Mountain Ranch field trip upcoming
  - 100 day of school for kindergarten, 1000th day for 5th grade
  - Lots of collaboration
- Secondary: Ms. Farnan
  - Keystone field trip for 6th grade
  - Course registrations being completed
  - Jungle Book play was a huge success

#### ● **DAC Report (January 2023) - Ish**

- Same as last month's summary since they haven't had another meeting in the time period
- DAC Winter Forum focus on CTE is 2/16 at Legacy Campus from 6:30-8:30 pm

#### ● **PTO Report**

- Heidi not present, LynnAnn provided highlights
- StemGives: under target, so will seek ways to promote next year
- Bylaws will be updated and posted
- PTO board member 2 positions open, communications/hospitality

#### ● **DEI Report**

- Lots of interest in DEI training in the near future. Jason was going to lead on Friday, but had to change because of work issues. Will reschedule for another time
- Keynote speaker, Kari Knutson, scheduled for leading staff in discussions around what kind of school environment they want to create and how to develop leadership skills and create the positive change that they'd like to see at STEM
- LynAnn feels that casual slurs and remarks are being heard in hallways, but teachers are afraid to intervene because they don't know how to have restorative conversations and create a positive impact. DEI training will focus on intervention, education, and restorative conversations
- Jason showed a couple of slides about DEI to show what kind of topics would be presented

#### ● **Community Report**

- Still a vacancy on SAC

#### ● **BOD Report**

- Student Government updates
- Annual Financial Report presented by Star Ake
- Search Committee for CIO

Discussion around communicating with parents and teachers regarding SBL Grading and feedback loop

**Open Forum:** No public comments

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:15 pm by DJ, seconded by Andrew, passed unanimously

Next SAC meeting on March 22, 2023 in PTech Building