



# STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes September 20, 2023

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**Meeting Date:** September 20, 2023

**Meeting Location:** 8920 Barrons Blvd - Mechatronics Lab

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00pm

## Meeting Logistics

### Introductions

**Call to Order:** 5:37 pm

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

### Present:

- D.J. Steines, Parent Rep, Chair
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- LynAnn Kovalsky, Executive Director STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep
- Collette Rubin, Student
- Addison McLain, Student
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep (online)

### Absent:

- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep, Vice Chair
- Stephanie Ramirez, Parent Rep
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Jesus Carrillo, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Guests:** Kimberly Lander (online)

**Minutes:** Motion to approve by Tula, second by Meghann, approved unanimously for August 2023 minutes

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### Student Achievement Data

Presentation with UIP Updates

- LynAnn and Michelle Gasser rewording action steps, then will be submitted to district for approval
- They will be shared with SAC when read

### School Update - LynAnn Kovalesky and Teacher Reps:

Overall STEM update:

- Access, Evolve, and Securly Pulse surveys going out soon to students, parents, and staff
  - All are new and lots of learning so far
  - Evolve: Admin feel safer, but very man-power intensive and expensive
    - Challenge - how to continue to fund and staff after 1 year
- Calendar survey results
  - Surveyed students, parents and staff
- Events
  - Homecoming
  - Award assemblies
  - Athletics
  - Skate City
  - Stem Blast Off - SAC will have table (9/28 4pm-7pm)
- Charter Renewal Process (5 year renewal)
  - Application submitted last month
  - Site visit 10/3
  - Presentation to DCSD School Board in December
    - Parents encourage to attend to voice support
- Enrollment discussion
  - Lower than projected
    - Potential reasons - New schools in DC; Move to SBL, decline in school age kids in DC

Elementary School update

- Upcoming Elementary field trips

Secondary School update

- Just had Homecoming

### Old Business:

Discuss SAC Support/Resolution for upcoming Bond Initiative

- Reviewed updated SAC communication from last year in support of initiative
- Motion to approve by Ronalea, second by Ishmeet, approved unanimously

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- LynAnn to provide opportunities to drive up awareness for parents and residents of Douglas County

### New Business:

#### Communications Committee

- Nothing to report

#### UIP Committee

- Nothing to report

#### Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement

- Will send out Pulse survey prior to Thanksgiving
- Will dust off last year's survey and prep for October meeting

#### DEI

- Meeting tomorrow at 4pm.
- Partnering with PTO for funding and to arrange some events later this year or next year.

#### DAC

- Discussed Bond support
- 2 hot topics
  - Parent engagement policy
  - Charter application review team (didn't have DAC member involvement in committee)
- Regional training
- PSAT/SAT
- Bill for new bill to evaluating teachers
- District UIP results

#### PTO

- Do not have a PTO liaison currently
- Last meeting well attended
- PTO looking for more members

**Open Forum/Public Comment:** No public comments

**Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar:** October 11, 2023 @ 5:30pm

**Motion to adjourn by Rocki, seconded by Maria, approved unanimously**

**Adjournment 7:02 pm**

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