



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023

Meeting Date: October 11, 2023

Meeting Location: 8920 Barrons Blvd - Mechatronics Lab

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Logistics

Introductions

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement

Present:

- D.J. Steines, Parent Rep, Chair
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep, Vice Chair
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep (Online)
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep

Absent:

- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Jesus Carrillo, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Gina Wing (online), Kimberly Lander (online), Michelle Gasser

Minutes: Motion to approve by Meghann, second by Jennifer, approved unanimously for September 2023 minutes

Student Achievement Data:

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- School Year 2024/2025 Calendar Updates
 - Board approved the calendar, DC school board next
 - Proposal for early release days
- Amendments to the UIP
 - UIP internally updated with detailed actional steps
- Curriculum Update
 - Academic Advisory Committee Update
 - Elementary
 - Math Pilot
 - Secondary
 - Course proposals in progress
 - P-Tech expansion
 - CTE certification
 - Teacher support team
 - Professional Development
 - Standards based grading
- All School Updates
 - Parent/Teacher conferences in progress
 - Car painting tomorrow
 - Fall break next week
 - Prospective Spartan Showcase - 11/2
 - Looking for SAC volunteers to attend
 - Meghann volunteered
 - Staff PD Day - 11/3
 - MS Dance - 11/10

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New Business:

- Committee alignment
 - Communications
 - 1 SAC resignation
 - UIP Committee
 - Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
 - Want to send out 11/1, close around Thanksgiving
 - Discussion - Complete 1 survey per student vs household
 - Tula motioned to update survey for 1 survey per household with ability to multiselect if your student(s) is in Elementary and/or Secondary, Liz seconded
 - Next steps
 - Tula coordinate updating wording this week and share
 - Group review/approve
 - Send out by 11/1
 - DEI
 - Increase in DEI reports by students (racism, discriminatory)
 - ACCESS allows students opportunities to be trained on how to report incidents
 - When report submitted, school investigates and determines action to take (discipline matrix)
 - Pulse survey going out tomorrow to MS students
 - ACCESS sessions after break will be driven by survey results
 - DAC
 - DAC norms
 - Bond updates
 - Cell phone usage policy - eliminated in classroom
 - Teacher turnover/retention
 - District results/goals
 - Safe school policy
 - Next meeting: 10/16
 - PTO
 - STEM Blast Off a success
 - Need more volunteers at events
 - Board
 - Developing subcommittees
 - Prepping for renewal

Open Forum/Public Comment:

- Discussed lower student levels
- Discussed open teacher positions

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- Next meeting location will be in MS cafeteria

Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar: November 15, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Liz, seconded by Maria, approved unanimously

Adjournment: 7:14 pm

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