



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

Meeting Date: November 15, 2023

Meeting Location: 8920 Barrons Blvd - Mechatronics Lab

Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Meeting Logistics

Introductions

Call to Order: 5:32pm

Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement

Present:

- D.J. Steines, Parent Rep, Chair
- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep, Vice Chair
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep
- LynAnn Kovalsky, Executive Director
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Collette Rubin, Student
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep (online)
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep

Absent:

- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep (Online)
- Jesus Carrillo, Parent Rep
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Kimberly Lander (online), Feroza Begum

Minutes: Motion to approve by Meghann, second by Maria, approved unanimously for October 2023 minutes

Student Achievement Data:

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- Preliminary results to the Staff Survey
 - Total responses - 355
 - Closes Friday
 - Will do 1 more push
 - Themes so far: SBL, Drive Line
- All School Updates
 - 5A Passed, 5B Failed
 - 5A - All money to go toward salaries
 - 5B - Funding for capital improvements (HVAC, Roof, Playground, etc)
 - Upcoming events
 - Recommendation - Have school calendar have more details about upcoming events (ie - Target audience, etc)
 - STEM Gives - Funds PTO which can be used to fund teacher proposals
 - Elementary
 - 5th grade PBL
 - Veteran's Day
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - Secondary
 - Seacamp
 - MS Dance
 - HS/MS Robotics
 - Access running smoother
 - 12/5 - STEM Resiliency Reimagined

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New Business:

- Communications
 - No update
- UIP Committee
 - No update since not a UIP year
- Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
 - A little confusing with scenario of Household vs 1 child...can look at and either clarify and/or improve going forward
- DEI
 - Last meeting included admin
 - Large parent turnout with concerns raised
 - Anti Semitism
 - Anti Immigrant
 - Access - 1 lesson per month focused on inclusiveness
 - Future staff training on DEI and how to handle DEI situations
 - After break - Equity audit / Equity action plan
- DAC
 - Celebrated opening of Legacy campus
 - Open for Charter students, but have to provide own transportation
 - Similar to PTEC, but at a campus that all district schools share
 - STEM pays student tuition
- PTO
 - STEM Gives - only PTO fund raiser (Goal \$30k ~ \$20/student)

Open Forum/Public Comment:

- No public comment

Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar: January 17, 2024 @ 5:30pm

- Megann motioned to skip the December 20th meeting, Rocki seconded, approved unanimously
 - Will share the results of the parent survey when available that we'll address in January

Motion to adjourn by Ishmeet, seconded by Rocki, approved unanimously

Adjournment: 6:40 pm

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