



# STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes

## January 17, 2024

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**Meeting Date:** January 17, 2024

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

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00pm

### Meeting Logistics

#### **Introductions**

**Call to Order:** 5:36pm

**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
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director  
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep,  
Communications
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Collette Rubin, Student Rep
- Amrit Ahuja, Student Rep

#### **Absent:**

- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Jesus Carrillo, Parent Rep
- Andrea Day, Parent Rep
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Guests:** Frank (Student), Kimberly Lander (Online)

**Minutes:** Motion to approve by Tula, second by Ronalea, approved unanimously for November 2023 minutes

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### Director's Updated:

- Staffing update
  - Fully staffed except for 1 resignations
  - New hires
- All School Updates
  - Elementary
    - Math curriculum pilot
    - Hired 1st grade teacher
    - Stone Canyon trip
    - Spelling Bee
    - Sweetheart Dance
  - Secondary
    - New business teacher
    - Spelling bee
    - Brain bowl
    - Sleep In Movie Night
    - STEM's Got Talent
    - TSA State Competition
    - Wish Week
    - Winter Formal
    - Positive vibe among secondary teachers
- Staff Survey Results
  - Low response rate - 46 staff members
    - Will dedicate time next year
  - Themes
    - Concerns with SBL at secondary level
      - Parent GPA concerns
      - SBL doesn't work well with Canvas
    - Culture improving
  - Actions
    - Learning from other schools' SBL learnings
    - Negotiating with Canvas on SBL prior to renewing contract
- Parent Pulse-Survey results
- Staff and Student Survey discussion

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### New Business:

- Communications
  - DAC info shared
- UIP Committee
  - Not staffed this year
- Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
  - Responses: ~320
  - Overall positive feedback
  - Themes
    - Adjustments to SBL
    - Staff support
    - Enrollment
    - Increase support for DEI Committee
  - Opportunities
    - SBL
    - Canvas
    - Smaller classes
    - Retaining teachers
    - Too much HW
    - Crisp communication
    - Driveline
  - Next?
    - Send out SAC communication:
      - Acknowledge and thank parents for feedback
      - Highlight results / Themes
      - Actions being taken to continuously improve
    - Parent Survey Committee draft a communication to share at next SAC meeting
- DEI
  - Nothing to report, next meeting is this Thursday
- DAC
  - KB (Inclusion) Policy
  - Charter renewal process
    - STEM Charter renewal should be known on 1/23
  - Douglas County financial officer presentation
- PTO
  - Open position on board of directors

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### Open Forum/Public Comment:

- No public comment

Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar: February 21, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

**Adjournment:** 7:06 pm

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