



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024

Meeting Date: March 27, 2024

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
- Liz Berstch, Parent Rep, Vice Chair
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Collette Rubin, Student Rep
- Fran C, Student Rep
- Amrit Ahuja, Student Rep

Absent:

- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Kimberly Lander (Online)

Minutes: Postponed approval of February meeting minutes until next meeting

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Director's Updated:

- All School Updates
 - Elementary
 - CMAS next week
 - Battle of the Books took 2nd place
 - Eclipse watch party
 - Upcoming Field trips
 - Teach requests for next year due 4/26
 - Secondary
 - Keystone trip
 - CMAS starts next week
 - Move up to Middle School Day
 - PSAT/SAT 4/16
 - Virtual Days
 - Awards Nights for MS and HS
 - Love and Logic Parent's Night
 - Prom / After Prom
- SBL
 - Secondary Canvas Pilot Group
 - Feedback on Pilot on 4/3
- Student Advisory Presentation
 - Student Survey for MS/HS from Nov/Dec
 - Recommended Action Items - More funding for
 - SBL
 - Cafeteria Food
 - Teacher Salaries
 - More Courses
 - DEI Recommended Actions
 - More culturally responsive practices
 - Field trips to cultural museums
 - One assignment per unit to cater to different learning types
 - Mental Health Recommended Actions
 - Allocate more resources for counselors
 - Assembly to introduce counselors
 - More bullying prevention resources
 - SBL / Academics Recommended Actions
 - More teacher SBL training
 - Look at other grading programs
 - Offer more Art classes
 - Access Recommended Actions
 - Have Access for a longer period
 - Improve SEL lessons

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- School Safety Recommended Actions
 - Improve EVOLV
 - Online security system other than Securely (Firewall, Google Activity Monitoring)
 - Phone pockets a punishment, not a necessity
 - Enforcing the ID and phone policies
- School Building Recommended Actions
 - Repaint the orange/green hallway
 - Encouraging clubs/honor societies to make more murals
- Other Recommended Actions
 - Improve SBL
 - Start a program similar to Center for Strength
 - More focus on inclusive practices
- Other ideas discussed
 - Look at counselor reservation data to show overbooked
 - Outsourcing options for specialists?
 - More counselor visibility
 - Students provide inputs on teachers they want for Access
- Next?
 - Maybe a pulse survey later this semester
 - Monthly meetings with Admin to review recommendations

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New Business:

- Communications
 - DAC Agenda / Notes from District
 - Changed password
- UIP Committee
 - Not staffed this year
- Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
 - Spring survey needs to be prepared. Will circulate last year's survey and prepare offline
 - Target distributing in mid-April
- DEI
 - Meeting tomorrow
 - Full day of PD training on Courageous Conversations with teachers (1st of 3 trainings)
- DAC
 - Meeting tomorrow
- PTO
 - No Update
- BOD
 - Reviewing and updating policies
 - CIO contract up in June. Negotiating extension
 - Board elections coming up

Open Forum/Public Comment:

- No public comment

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

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

Adjournment: 7:32 pm

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