



STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024

Meeting Date: April 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
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- LynAnn Kovalsky, Executive Director
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep
- Matt Cartier, CIO
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep (online)
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep (online)
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep (online)

Absent:

- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep

Quorum Met: Yes

Guests: Kimberly Lander (Online)

Minutes:

- February 2024 minutes: Motion to approve by Ishmeet, second by Ronalea, approved unanimously.
- March 2024 minutes: Motion to approve by Liz, second by Ishmeet, approved unanimously.

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Director's Updated:

- All School Updates
 - Elementary
 - CMAS
 - iReady
 - Teacher appreciation
 - Field day
 - New to STEM parent night
 - STEMfest
 - Revolutionary war reenactment
 - Secondary
 - State testing over
 - Two 6th graders placed in Essay Contest
 - Calc bowl
 - Prom/After Prom
 - DECA
 - Geography Bee
 - Musical
 - Senior Walk
 - New Families Night
 - Sr Skate Night / BBQ / Lock-in
 - HS/MS Awards Nights
 - Sports Awards Nights
 - May 7th STEM Gives
 - Event at Civic Green afternoon of 5/7
 - Graduation
 - Would be great to send out email to Sr Parents with invitation to graduation
 - Hiring updates
 - Hard to fill MS Computer Science position

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- State of STEM
 - Video of meeting to be shared soon
 - Overview
 - What distinguishes STEM
 - Next year, goal is to align everyone on the 4 important distinguishing features
 - Challenges we face
 - Growth
 - Resiliency from 5/7
 - Staff attrition
 - SBL
 - Where we are heading
 - New strategic plan
 - Parent engagement opportunities
 - Want to drive parents to attend coffee with staff to drive connection
 - Fundraising
 - Academics
 - Athletics
 - Enrichment
 - Enrollment numbers
 - Next year's enrollment numbers should be close to this year's numbers

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New Business:

- BOD
 - 3 parent applicants for open position, election opens next week
 - 5 year charter approved
 - Negotiating CIO extension
 - BOD Training in June
- Communications
 - Sending out solicitation for new SAC members to attend May meeting
- UIP Committee
 - Not staffed this year
- Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
 - Parent survey almost ready to go out
 - Goal is to send out with the State of STEM Video
 - Next year - Look at Survey Monkey to improve surveys?
- DEI
 - Next meeting tomorrow
 - Will have photo booth during STEMfest
- DAC
 - Last meeting
 - Focus on budget priorities - Teachers, Facilities, Transportation
 - Next meeting
 - Calendar survey review
- PTO
 - No representative

Open Forum/Public Comment:

- STEM received Academic Excellence Award this year...again
- Actions from Student Advisory Survey? Will combine efforts with parent survey results
- SBL Plan - Still gathering data and assessing how best to proceed. Working on a plan over the new 2-3 years. Other schools that are doing SBL well are using a hybrid approach.
- No public comment

Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar: May 15, 2024 @ 5:30pm

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

Adjournment: 7:05 pm

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