



# STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes

## May 15, 2024

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**Meeting Date:** May 15, 2024

**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
- Ronalea Alleman, Parent Rep, Communications
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director  
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Tula Zeng, Parent Rep
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Samantha Ackley, Elementary Teacher Rep

#### **Absent:**

- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Guests:** Kimberly Lander

#### **Minutes:**

- April 2024 minutes: Motion to approve by Ishmeet, second by Liz, approved unanimously.

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### Director's Updated:

- All School Updates
  - Elementary
    - Field day
    - Book Fair
    - Last day of school 5/22
    - K and 5th Grade continuation 5/21
    - Finalizing class lists
  - Secondary
    - Addams Family play
    - Art Show
    - End of year Awards Ceremony
    - Graduation 5/20
    - Field Day
    - Last day 5/23
    - Staff awards/brunch 5/24
- SBL Update
  - Teachers will be trained prior to school to better communicate via Canvas
  - We need parents to learn and engage on details of Canvas
- Hiring Update
  - Elementary: K, 3rd, Music
  - Secondary: Music, Digital Media
  - Recent hires
- TLCC and Staff Surveys
  - Really strong scores - tops in the county, state and amongst charters
    - Significant improvements from prior surveys
- STEM Summer Plans
  - Planning opportunities - lesson plans and PBL units
  - Facility updates
    - Painting
    - Office makeovers
    - Carpeting
  - Student Events
    - Sports camps
    - Basketball
    - Open gym / weight room
    - Camp invention
    - ES Base

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### New Business:

- BOD
  - CIO evaluation in progress
  - Policy governance work
  - New BOD Member elected
  - Updating Student Handbook
- Communications
  - No update
- UIP Committee
  - Not staffed this year
- Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement
  - Parent survey closes Friday
  - Currently 304 responses (historically 200-250)
  - No longer need to hit 25% response rate
  - Will share results with SAC during summer
- DEI
  - StemFest pictures will create a mural
  - DEI Survey
- DAC
  - No update
- PTO
  - No representative, will have a representative next year

### Open Forum/Public Comment:

- Returning / Departing SAC members
  - Everyone but Tula returning
  - Would like to find a few new members
- No public comment

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

**Motion to adjourn by Andrew, seconded by Ronalea, approved unanimously**

**Adjournment:** 6:15 pm

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