



# STEM School SAC Meeting Minutes August 21, 2024

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**Meeting Date:** August 21, 2024

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

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00pm

## Meeting Logistics

### **Introductions**

**Call to Order:** 5:34pm

**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 (online)
- Andrew Mauger, Parent Rep, Recorder
- LynAnn Kovalesky, Executive Director  
STEM School Highlands Ranch
- Tatyana Akhmetova, Parent Rep
- Meghann Evans, Parent Rep
- Amy Lu, Parent Rep
- Rocki Sugrue, Secondary Teacher Rep
- Maria Pirvulescu, Parent Rep
- Jennifer West, Parent Rep
- Audie Rubin, Parent Rep
- Kimberly Lander, Parent Rep
- Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep
- Collette Rubin, Student Rep
- Michelle Gasser, Director of Curriculum
- Gina Wing, BOD Rep

### **Absent:**

- Morry Jackson, Parent Rep

**Quorum Met:** Yes

**Guests:** Abby Duchen (online)

### **Minutes:**

- May 2024 minutes: Motion to approve by Meghann, second by Tatyana, approved with Kimberly abstaining.

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### Election:

- New Committee Assignments
  - Chair - Liz Berstch
  - Vice Chair - Meghann Evans
  - Recorder - Andrew Mauger
  - Communications - Ronalea Alleman
  - DAC Liaison - Maria Pirvulescu

### Director's Updated:

- All School Updates
  - Upcoming events
    - Skate City
    - First Early Release Day 8/30
    - STEM Blast Off
  - Staffing Updates
    - All teacher vacancies filled prior to start (hired 8 new teachers + 7 support staff)
    - Current vacancies - 1 (Communications Director)
  - New initiatives and changes
    - Cell phones
    - Lightning procedures - Up to school discretion. Figuring out best app to use
    - Volunteer pathways / Parent engagement
  - Elementary Updates
    - Literacy focus this year
    - Increased parent communication
    - Math curriculum pilot
    - Additional support staff
  - Secondary Updates
    - Retention up
    - Culture very positive
    - Parent communication
    - Open Gym on Tue/Thur 7:15-7:40
- 23/24 Parent Survey Data
  - Will distribute via email to all SAC members to review
- School Data
  - CMAS 2018-2024 Data for Language Arts, Math, and Science
  - PSAT
  - SAT
  - AP Tests
- UIP Plan
  - Teachers will start assessing Data on 8/30
  - Will review draft with SAC in 9/18 meeting
  - Due 9/15 to District/State

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### New Business:

- Committee Assignments
  - UIP Committee: Ishmeet Kalra, Gina Wing, Morry Jackson
  - Parent Survey Committee/Parent Engagement: Kimberly Lander, Jennifer West, Tatyana Akhmetova
  - DEI: Ishmeet Kalra, Meghann Evans
  - DAC: Maria Pirvulescu, Meghann Evans
  - PTO: Trish Andrews (on PTO)

### Open Forum/Public Comment:

- SBL?
  - Staying with SBL
  - Canvas has been updated to support SBL
  - Teacher inconsistency - reach out to Director with specifics
- How approaching generative AI?
  - Understanding where AI is a useful tool or not
  - Piloting Cognito in Middle School which teaches students how to use AI
- Parents parking in Bluepoint drop n' go lane
- Topics for next month?
  - Strategic plan
  - New District bond

Next SAC Meeting as posted on the All School Calendar: September 18, 2024 @ 5:30pm

**Motion to adjourn by DJ, seconded by Ishmeet, approved unanimously**

**Adjournment: 7:40 pm**

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