

STEM School
School Accountability Committee

Date: September 25, 2013

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Cody Blackburn, Sarah Johnson, Rebecca Duarte, Lori Thorpe, Barb Cousins, Renee Borchert, Jean Medberry

1. Welcome & introductions – Cody Blackburn
 - Introductions of attendees
 - Explanation of meeting procedures/practices - start @ 6:00pm; end @ 7:00pm
 - Discussed previous SAC leadership and potential new officers
2. Approval of Past Minutes – postponed
3. Staff report – No STEM Teacher Present to present
4. District Accountability Committee (DAC) report – Barb Cousins
 - New DAC website
 - DAC calendar posted
 - Purpose - establish more appropriate ways for streamlining communication; more aligned to DCSD website
 - Found at <https://sites.google.com/site/dcsddac/home>
5. STEP (STEM Educational Partnership) Report –Rebecca Duarte
 - STEP Board Meeting held on 9/24/2013 - Committees were developed
 - STEP is an official member of the DCEF
 - Silent Auction will be scheduled - Spring 2014
 - Currently evaluating various locations
 - Skate City Fundraiser - earned \$140 - 7150
 - STEP can be contacted at STEP@stemhigh.org
 - Fundraisers for STEP:
 - Need to be geared toward educational goals of the school
 - Will be vetted by the members of STEP prior to the fundraiser being allowed to operate
6. SAC Election
 - Postponed until last year's officers can attend
7. Principal's Update/Wrap Up – Cody Blackburn
 - Bussing @ STEM?
 - Large interest from parents for establishing bus service to/from STEM
 - DCSD can only accommodate prior to 1st period (7am) dropoff and after 9th

- period (4:20pm) pickup
 - Still a large enough interest
 - Survey still going on - will be closed by end of the week
 - Information will be shared with DCSD who will plan the pickup locations
 - Construction
 - Himmelman Construction Company has begun construction
 - Staff/Students cannot access the construction areas - sealed off for safety
 - Network Update
 - STEM is getting network service from DCSD through CenturyLink that will provide a 1gb fiber line for the student network
 - Line should be in within 6 weeks
 - Will greatly enhance the student network capabilities and vastly improve speeds for student access to the Internet
 - Teachers will be on a separate network
 - Charter School Support Initiative (CSSI) Report -
 - Discussed the various areas of strength and focus for the 2013-14 school year
 - School Performance Framework (SPF) 2013 -
 - Evaluated the 2013 SPF - Document not available from CDE at this point for the general public
 - STEM School given PERFORMANCE Rating
 - HS - results incredibly strong with achievement and growth for all subject areas!
 - MS - areas of concern for growth for specific subgroups
 - Results will be used to establish the 2013-14 Unified Improvement Plan

8. Open forum for guests –

- Upcoming Fall Conferences
 - Concern about the student led conferences
- 6th grade transition:
 - Not going as smooth as well as presented at Back to School Night
- Canvas Implementation:
 - Posting of information needs to be consistent amongst the teachers
 - Homework posted on websites?
- Writing Expectations:
 - Different writing expectations between different subject?
- Advanced Warning for Supplies being needed in classes
- Hand stretches for the students - provide relief for the continual use of computers.

9. Meeting Adjourned - 9:00pm

Next SAC Meeting - Wednesday, October 30, 2013 @ 6:00pm