

STEM SAC 2013-14

February 26, 2014

Called to order 6:06

1. Welcome and introductions: Jeanie Works, Scott Bates, Tracy Schloemer, Cody Blackburn, Lori Thorpe, Heather Ertle, Linda Walker, Barb Cousins (DAC member)
2. Minutes - Jean sent email for corrections to minutes. Will approve next meeting.
3. Staff report – Tracy Schoemer.
 - a. 2nd semester full swing – Biology class is currently studying crime scene forensic science activity
 - b. National History Day happening – regional on March 8th. School is excited
 - c. 7th grades gearing up for Sea Camp in San Diego around 60 kids. Some kids on our school on a wait list.
 - d. 8th grade science will go to science day at the Rockies field.
 - e. Teachers are really excited about the new building; recent tour for teachers
 - f. TCAPs next month – proctor training for testing happened today. Alternative schedule for the week. Phones in lockers or at home. Last year for TCAP changing to CMASS.
 - g. Last professional development day went well. Planning professional development over the summer with CU through the Knowles fellowship.
 - h. Every new teacher at this school meets once a month to help with adjusting and help with consistency and there is a mentor system in place. Teachers are collaborating.
4. DAC – Jeanie and Barb reported for Jean. DAC reviewed district long-term plan.
 - a. DAC purpose makes recommendation to the BoE and to provide participation from the SAC. The Forums are great for sharing information.
 - b. Director of safety gave a report.
5. STEM Education Partnership report (STEP) - Lori
 - a. Silent auction coming up April 26th – need lots of volunteer; formal email invites going out soon; including next year's student families; mass email - attendance is free; Pay for meals and students can buy a cheaper meal. Location is here at the new high school.
 - b. Sent mass email out to collect auction items. Doing well with small ticket items – need more large ticket items. Will include teacher items and people can buy shares. All profit to go to support the teachers at the school and needs. Highlight at the Auction will be a Miss Colorado – STEM advocate graduating from CU.
 - c. Barb works on organizing restaurant nights. Wahoos will provide a week long restaurant nights.
 - d. Box Top competition just finished with prizes for students for the top 3.
 - e. Teacher appreciation week May 5th-9th looking at SCRIPS order for teachers.
6. Explorer Night for parents

- a. Counseling department working on sharing this information with the students during science classes and then will share the information with the parents. Counselors are swamped with the mental health needs of the students and will continue to be a focus for the school.
 - b. Sierra middle school did a nice presentation for the parents. Cody will follow-up with them.
7. Financial Education
 - a. Ameritown Financial presentation schedule for the April meeting.
8. Budgetary Priorities of SAC
 - a. Online discussion to make reconditions how to spend the budgetary needs
 - b. Rebecca D – Came from directors meeting - Possible GT funding for a FTE for next year. Huge variety of learners in this building larger than most neighborhood and other charter schools. No funding for GT. Possible 20% of students on ALPs. Parents are encouraged to email directors if they feel this is necessary to fund this position. Will talk more about this next meeting and will make a remediation to the board in the future.
9. Principal Update
 - a. Building Update - Students are excited for the new addition to the school. Cody shared school layout plans. Science lab will be multi-purpose and will be able to schedule lab times for their classes. Move in shortly after Spring break.
 - b. Staffing needs will increase. Possible 1000 student enrolled next year – 675 for middle school with a wait list of over 150 names; targeting 167 9th graders with a possible 350 total for high school for 2014-15. Sent out intent to return forms to staff this week and hopefully will not have to hire as many as last year. FTE has been decided adding 6-8 new staff members and add a music program.
 - c. Transportation – working on busing and staggered drop off and pick up with staggered starting time for high school. Will have some parking for students.
 - d. Principal evaluation document – Cody will share the document with team and the SAC will provide feedback over email and finalize over next meeting.
 - e. Charter renewed for the next 3 years – board training needs and proof SAC meets.
 - f. Counselling department could use more help. Possible set up an academy class to help with pragmatic – socio-emotional issues.
 - g. Charter school conference – validated what is happening at STEM and feels that the school is on the right path. Tiered model for professional development. Teaching here is unique and different. PD is very interactive and provides different levels for the different level of teachers. This includes workshops and is delivered by the STEM teachers.
 - h. Certified induction program and has been vetted by the state.
10. Open forum for guests
 - a. Screen time concerns – no screen time at lunch possibility.
 - b. Community concerns/input - possible new charter school application going in in Highlands Ranch. STEM has contacted there liaison to the district and the BoE

with possible legal contact.

- c. Safety – restriping parking lot and putting in cross walk in the parking lot.

Adjourned – 7:52 PM

Next Meeting: March 26, 2014 – Spring Break moved to March 19, 2014.