



## STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes September 19, 2018

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Meeting Location: STEM School: The SYNC Room 113

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### Present:

Lauren Pickett, SAC Chair

Kelly Reyna, SAC Vice Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Tom Wendling DAC Rep

Erin Gomez, PTO Rep

Ed Spencer, Parent Rep

Joe Froechtenigt, HS Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Cindy Fietchner

Anne Marie Blackburn

Kimberly Lander

Guests: Gary Colley, CAC

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Lauren Pickett

May 16, 2018 and August 22, 2018 minutes were approved by majority.

### Principal Report:

Reported on by Dr. Karen Johnson

Dr. Johnson went over the School Performance Framework Overview. Next spring we need a new UIP as we are a year into the old one and they are good for two years.

We had low participation on standardized testing because many parents opt their kids out.

STEM exceeded in academic achievement, met in growth and exceeded in workforce readiness.

ES, MS and HS all have exceeds in academic achievement and meets in growth

MS data for math will change next spring. Currently, kids taking HS math are NOT in the MS numbers.

The hope is to take the data and blast it in the newsletter giving parents tidbits. Trend data based on CMAS. Data is used in instruction and teachers are being talked to on how to be better. We saw PSAT scores for the 8/9 and 10, SAT and AP classes.

### Teacher Report:

No report from ES/MS as rep was unavailable.

HS report by Joe Froechtenigt. Kids have homecoming this week and things are going smoothly.



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Lauren asked about Schoology and how teachers are adapting. Overall it is ok. Interfacing with google etc. Kids are still learning it, too.

Ed asked if the teachers are needing anything in general (ie hallways too dark, too many desks in the hall for example). Nothing that has been voiced.

Lauren mentioned she heard teachers were doing driveline and Dr. Johnson said we need one more parent for driveline.

AnneMarie wondered if the EA's could work more driveline. The answer was ALL EA's are doing driveline currently. SAC recommended putting it in the newsletter and elevated to PTO. Make this a priority. Next meeting this will be discussed again.

### **DAC Report:**

Tom Wendling gave a report on DAC. Went to the 9.11.18 meeting. Have some new members on DAC who are familiar with charter schools.

There will be a new emphasis on community outreach. DAC will be sending Tom info about the next meeting and then it will get forwarded to STEM SAC for input. DAC is really trying to reach out.

Exploring later start times for secondary but not effective until 2020-2021  
February 12, 2019 at DAC is the winter forum.

### **PTO Report:**

Given by Erin Gomez. 85K brought in last year by fundraising and paid out 70k. They paid for a PA system upgrade, charging systems in the cafeteria and signs to name a few. They want to give money for the new field that was just approved. Lot of growth in the PTO itself. Now have 11 current members, up from 5. They have formed a finance committee. The foundation says PTO cannot raise money for specific things but rather in general and then allocate from there.

### **BOD Report:**

Given by Lauren Pickett

Next year STEM School HR hoping to do a P-Tech model. Dr. Johnson knew more. Anything aimed at a technical field. You can start as a freshman and it pay for 2 years of college. Currently developing the program because it was approved for next year (2019-2020)  
Charter renewal has been submitted.

The enrollment is at 1876 with a waitlist of 1034. Forty take classes off campus.

Dr. Eucker is excited the ethnicity is at 38%. The new DCSD Superintendent has toured the school He asked STEM to support the bond issue.

On October 17, 2018 the BOD would like to do a joint meeting with SAC and PTO. Lauren thinks this is a good idea and a great opportunity for the two groups to work together. This



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would take place instead of the SAC meeting. Tom moved we vote on having a joint meeting with the BOD and it was seconded and passed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The issue of conflict of interest with Tom Wendling being on SAC and DAC came up. Tom looked at bylaws and no more than 2 BOD on the SAC but checked all bylaws and nothing says you cannot serve on both.

Gary gave his perspective on the issue. There are two vacancies where people can be put in as parent reps.

Gary suggested we contact Susan to see if she's still committed to this.

Lauren suggested we might look for under represented kids parents to fill vacancies.

Dr. Johnson suggested a student rep. Lauren and Dr. Johnson will meet to move this forward by finding two parents who represent our diversity.

### SAC Training:

Given by Lauren Pickett

Lauren, Kelly and Ed went to Castleview SAC to get some ideas on how to handle STEM SAC better. Lauren updated the website for SAC. Still waiting for the video she has.

Gary then spoke about the role of the teachers and community member. Gary is from Community Accountability Committee (CAC). When a teacher gives a report it should be a climate and culture report more than the projects the kids are doing. What is impacting the teachers and their ability to do their work. How is communication going with the new teachers and the parents. Joe could get feedback from other HS teachers. Dr. Johnson said they have a climate meeting once a month and a place to put questions.

Community Rep can provide a community perspective. We need to tell her what we want to know about.

Gary said there was a report from 2013 that needs follow up. CDE School support team report.

Kelly brought up the driveline issue again. Do we need to wait a month before we discuss? No, maybe a working session.

### Field update:

Dr. Johnson brought up the win and the field was approved on 9.17.18. The issues at the meeting were the driveline. We need to continue to work on that. Kimberly asked about the timeline. Dr. Johnson said there were permits to be had first.



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### **New Business:**

Gary talked about the bond and mill levy override. He is a volunteer for Bright Futures. Last mill levy was 2006. Bond will pay for repairs. Mill levy pays for the district. This school board has said the mill levy will have 100% pass through for charters. More info at [www.dcsdk12.org/funding](http://www.dcsdk12.org/funding)

SAC Resolution on bond and mill levy by Lauren Pickett. Erin moved that we approve and Joe seconded it. It was approved by majority. Ed abstained.

Question of adopting the SAC Bylaws for 2018-19 school year. Erin says we should reference a director vs "principals" (or BOD). American Academy, Renaissance changed to Executive Director. We have no principal so who does SAC report to? Dr. Eucker is Executive Director. Joe made a motion that Lauren and Kelly investigate further and table the topic. Lauren made a motion to table and all approved.

There was no time for the open forum.

Joe moved for adjournment at 8:12 and Erin seconded.