



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes January 16, 2019

Meeting Date: 01.16.19

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

Erin Gomez, PTO Rep

Karen Ramon, Secondary Rep

Anne Marie Blackburn, Parent Rep

Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Absent:

Ed Spencer, Parent Rep

Tom Wendling DAC Rep

Deb Marshall, Elementary Rep

Roy Martinez, (board member)

Guests:

Kimberly Lander

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Lauren Pickett

Everyone looked at minutes. KJ has a modification on December minutes regarding the schedule. We are not taking out 1st and 10th, we just can't count them as instructional hours. Lauren made a motion to accept the amended the minutes, Kelly 2nd and approved by majority.

Principal Report: KJ spoke on the charter renewal. Provisions for STEM must be met: Communication plan (submitted) grad competencies (in place) (all HS), strategic plan to expand (submit by April 1, BOD taking care of this)
She talked at length about the standard terms and conditions of the contract which is specific to charter schools (as opposed to ALL DCHS)
Also John Irwin Award again to be awarded next week. Rare that a k-12 school gets this award for academic rigor for all three schools. Good reason to celebrate the teachers.
Calendars: approved last night at board. Still offering 1st and 10th classes, but the instructional minutes were short according to the CDE. Survey went out about how to get those 10 minutes. Will be spent in an advisory class in the middle of the day. 7:50 a.m. start time for secondary. Still doing block schedule. Add a few days onto secondary...losing a Jan day off. Last week of school ½ day for ES but a full day for secondary (Thursday). Then ½ day for secondary (Friday). Calendars will be posted and communicated to parents.



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Teacher Report:

Secondary update by Karen Ramon. Not much to report since the meeting was today. Changed evaluation process. Each teacher has a coach and works with them directly. Clarified with staff on what happens on what they call red line convos (not meeting goals etc). We have 6 coaches and each has 10 teachers and has been trained. Coaches have a coaching meeting, they go in 1x a month to help coach the teachers. If more support is needed, it goes to Stephanie Mendrala. Could go to a PIP (improvement plan) to help teacher with specific goals. If progress is made, they can go off the PIP, otherwise they have a red line talk (termination)

All new teachers to STEM have Steph as a coach.

DAC Report: nothing from Tom to report.

PTO Report: Erin said the Dec grant funding happened in Dec. The PTO December grant cycle resulted in \$32557.42 granted to the school with \$5K went to the playfield, with the rest going to various teacher requested projects. PTO can run a capital campaign to raise funds for the play fields. They are going to attempt to start that sometime this semester.

BOD Report: Lauren said they have student reps attending and they seemed to be really involved. HS students (Pres and VP of student gov). Maybe SAC will have students involved???

5 candidates applied for BOD position available. Narrowed it down to 2. Someone is resigning from BOD so there would be 2 openings.

Alliance of DC Charter schools came up. KJ spoke of this. The League (state charter school network) of Charter Schools will work with DCCS. They voted to go with the alliance of DC Charter school for a year. Lauren has more info. Colorado League of Charter Schools. The League is a Voice for charter schools.

Graduation May 20, raindate for 21st if needed at Echo park

STATE of STEM Feb 20th from 4-6pm

Unfinished Business: SAC By-laws approved by the board. No info on sub-committee for teacher planning from AMB.

Karen Ramon said no one from Visa has volunteered to be a community liaison and her contact is a parent so she can't be the rep. Some confusion about the role of the community rep which was clarified a bit by Erin. We will continue to search.



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New Business: UIP by KJ. Our draft should be submitted by 1.15.19. Final by April 1
Danny Windsor is the charter school advocate. Submit button has very minimal upload so KJ
has been doing much uploading manually. KJ then went over the plan in more detail. Much
to celebrate.

PTO joint meeting on January 30, 2019. It will be more of a meet and greet. Hoping
everyone can make it at the synk. No SAC minutes for that. 6:30-8pm

Need for a broadcast for SAC? Maybe next meeting this comes up. It has been found that
once you broadcast, then you have to do it all the time. Can cause trouble if you don't.
Maybe we put more info on website or more liaisons with PTO.

Open Forum: Nothing to report or discuss