



STEM School Highlands Ranch SAC Monthly Notes December 18, 2019

Meeting Date: December 18, 2019

Meeting Location: STEM School: HS Commons

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Present:

Kelly Reyna, SAC Chair

Anne Marie Blackburn, SAC Vice Chair

Amy Winans, SAC Recorder

Tom Wendling DAC Rep

Abbi Kaplan, Secondary Rep

Erin Gomez, Parent Rep

Dr. Karen Johnson, Dir of Curriculum and Accountability

Patrick Callahan, ES Teacher Rep

Ishmeet Kalra, Parent Rep

Absent: Angela Tolar, Parent Rep, Liz Davis, Community Rep., Aleza Bautista, PTO Rep

Guests: Jodi Nevins, Eric Nevins and her 2 sons. Lauren Picket, Tamara, Holly, Kimberly Lander, Trevor Kilpatrick

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Kelly Renya

Mission statement recited by Kelly

Introductions

Quorum Achieved

Approval of the minutes from SAC Meeting on November 20, 2019

Kelly moved to approve the minutes AMB 2nd and Erin abstained

Teacher Report:

ES report by Patrick Callahan

End of semester

5th grade finished Nanowrimo 1 million 552 words written

Secondary report by Abbi Kaplan.

On Monday there was an arts extravaganza. Turned out well, well attended

Teachers would like more workspace, need another space for teachers to be instead of lounge for planning

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Teachers need to talk to Leanne if they have concerns about their salary
Admin decided to hire a dedicated HR person
going to be a new K-8 Dean who will deal with discipline
and then a MS assistant Director to help Dan Hoffman

DAC Report:

Tom Wendling gave a report on DAC. Dec 5 was the latest meeting however, Tom could not attend. He explained the DAC to those in attendance who were unfamiliar.
February 11 is the winter forum. Rock Canyon HS. About a 3 hour meeting when they go over the financials etc

PTO Report:

Given by Kelly reading a report from Aleza who was not in attendance. Colin Walsh was at the last meeting. Don Hoffman attended the workshop given by Colin.
PTO approved their budget for 19/20
STEM Gala in March
accepting donations for the auction
The lunchroom issue came up. See below
TV monitors are up and running
Entrance mats coming after break

BOD Report:

Given by : no meeting since the last SAC. It was a working session.

DCSD Leadership Report

Given by: Given by Ish. Good turnout. Spoke with the district and learned about how the district is structured, and that it is still relatively flat
Parker, Castle Rock, East and West Highlands Ranch are the 4 divisions
Had the people do different activities on how it was when parents went to school compared to now

Community Report

Read by Kelly. Set to start the internship next semester.

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Director Report:

Reported on by Dr. Karen Johnson.

Adding on to previous things

Yes, we do own Barrons Bldg. Saves a lot of \$\$ over time

Also, makes it easier to make renovations since STEM doesn't have to go through the landlord

Admin positions that are open..following process as used in the past. If available, they are taking parents and kids who want to be part of the interview process, it is Friday from 11-12:30

Semester officially over on Dec 19.

5pm on Friday the grades will be available

Resiliency Center through All-Health currently providing time for staff to come together, not necessarily for counseling, but for getting together.

Right across the street currently from the MS is where it's going to be. Currently renovating Tamara heard mid -March for opening date.

New Advisory council. Last spring wanted to develop more teacher leadership. 1HS, 1ES, 1classified position, Dr. Weyman is overseeing that committee. Trying to determine course of action I.e. goals etc.

Dr. Johnson tried clarifying the difference between the various staff/teacher teams

Sent out enrollment forms for next fall. 100 new kindergarteners. Returning parents please fill out the intent to return

Updating strategic plan. Want to share it with staff first in January

On-going Business:

Discussion on re-purposing the parking lot

possible 4-square painting

possible turf so kids don't keep scraping skin on the blacktop

Tamara brought up the cars lining up on the road and blocking those who are supposed to be getting their kids (based on flag color)

Reinstate the driveline committee?

Drop off at the HS Entrance issue – no improvement

Parent Survey Committee update – Anne Marie gave a brief update. Possible new survey in the spring.

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Student involvement with the SAC – Dr. Johnson was going to invite us to student forum, however no students showed up.

Recycling Update – no report

New Business:

ES cafeteria noise and sitting situation

acoustics

assigned seats

2 separate issues

Students are presenting ideas on soundproofing. Now that the bldg is owned, acoustics can be addressed

priority is getting the 2 classrooms up and running (feb or March)

Jodi spoke about their experiences at STEM

Is it possible to move up the priority up

Dr. Johnson to follow up with Robert to see if this can be moved up prior to next SAC meeting

OPEN FORUM

Capstone Senior Projects

Tamara spoke about when she reviewed presentations from High Schoolers and some obviously had support from home and some don't. Wants to know how the kids who need more support can get it. Dr. Johnson responded with what is currently available to students who are in need.

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