

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

February 7, 2017
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Elementary School Library – second floor

8773 Ridgeline Blvd. | Highlands Ranch, CO | 80129

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

i Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.
- Board Members: Tracy Scroggins, Mark Alpert, Nicole Smith, Jeff Berg, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez
- Staff: Dr. Penny Eucker, Cody Blackburn, two SAC representatives, six community members, and students from Simple Solutions.

ii Pledge of Allegiance

–Mark Alpert

II. Reading of the mission statement

-Tracy Scroggins recited the mission.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

– Rudy motioned to approve. Tracy seconded. All in attendance approved.

IV. Simple Solutions student presentation

- First group presented an outdoor area. This area would be used for vitamin D sources and a study area. This would create a sense of ownership and pride. The group asked for Board assistance with legal matters and neighbor relations as they move forward with their project.
- Second group presented a low cost bell system utilizing Raspberry Pi hardware. The system would be utilized for tardiness or any drill. The concept has potential for a patent application.

V. Sector Branding – Lewis/Gliwa

- Table until March BOD meeting

VI. Executive Director's report

i Recent accomplishments and events

ii Budget report

iii Enrollment status and projections

iv Financial status and projections

- School updates
- High school formal

- FRC First Robotics Competition
- Celebrations: Winter Wonderland
- Mentor featured: Nikki Baird
- Fencing sport at STEM
- Kindergartners learn how to code. Highlands Ranch Herald
- Verizon App
- Animal Habitat PBL
- Future News: 2/7 Denver Post AI in SS.

Enrollment:

- 1778 enrollment for next year
- 400 students added from waitlist
- Need six classrooms

Budget:

- 70 days in reserve
- 55% for salaries and benefits
- 12% for debt
- Accrued \$865k for first six months

Save the Date:

- 4/1 STEM
- Senior Awards Night- May 17th
- Graduation- May 19th at 10 a.m.

February 13th

- Hosting Rural CO Initiative
- NYF- funded outreach
- Acrickaree in closing their schools for the day to work with our teachers in the classroom

VII. SAC update

- January 18th.
- Hannah Reese came and spoke about testing and what it looks like at STEM. Possibility of virtual day.
- Discussed block scheduling.
- D1 agreement in place.
- Possibly looking into subcommittees. Give other parents the chance to be part of that.
- Buddy system. New parent mentors.
- Parent survey in March for Board approval for distribution to parents in April.

VIII. Update on Academy Committees - Phelps

- Table. Are there enough participants? There should be more structure for consistency.

IX. Strategic Plan (target work date to finalize by the end of March)

- Working hard on a plan.

X. Class B Directors Skills/Expertise Inventory – Scroggins

- What does each board member bring?
- This helps with selection process.
- Use the process to identify gaps.

XI. Public Comment - Comments on process for Class A appointments

- How flexible is February 12th deadline? Will be discussed during executive session.
- NPR- Girls are losing sight of their intelligence. Possibly bring in a young woman speaker from a college to make younger girls feel smart and accepted.

XII. Determine Need for Planning Session

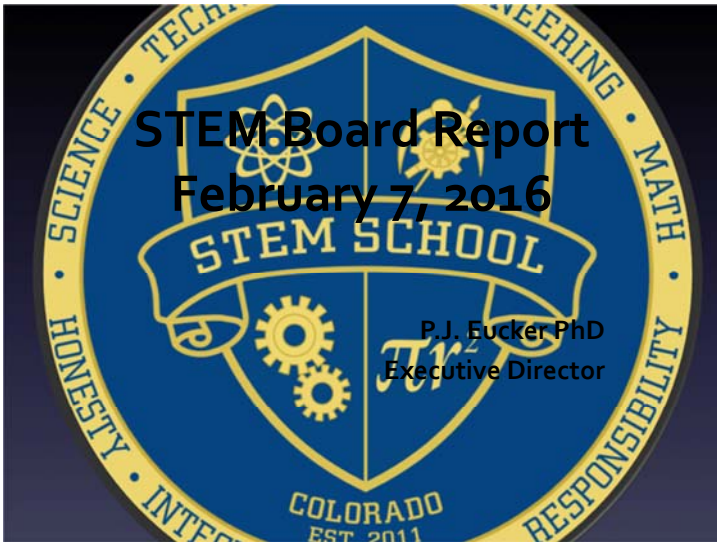
- The next planning session is scheduled for 3/17/2017

XIII. Adjourn Public Session

- Rudy Lukez motioned to adjourn.
- Tracy seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

XIV. Convene executive session to discuss real estate matters

The Board may vote to recess into executive session pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a)(II), C.R.S., to confer with the school attorney, in order to receive legal advice or concerning pending and/or imminent litigation and pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(a), C.R.S., and pursuant to §24-6-402(3)(b)I for personnel matters.



BEST Team STEM Letters



High School Formal Dance



FRC First Robotics Competition

Team Impulse at AFA



Celebrations



Photo Booth at Snow Ball



Mentor Featured, Nikki Baird



Fencing- and enduring sport at STEM



STEM in the News



Verizon App Winners of \$5,000



Animal Habitat PBL



STEM in the News



Future News Stories

- February 7- Denver Post will be at STEM with a photographer for the ai story
 - February 8- Jenny Brundin, Colorado Public Radio, will be at STEM for the ai story
- We hope this story gets national attention

AI in SS



CS Team



Enrollment

- 400 students added from our waitlist for 2017-2018
- Total enrollment for next year at 1778 with over 1,000 remaining on the waitlist.
- Need 6 classrooms to accept the final 150 students and really need 8 new classrooms.

Budget/Financials

- 70 days in reserve (benchmark is 45 days)
- 55% for salaries and benefits (50-70%)
- 12% for debt (< 17%)
- Accrued \$865,000 for first 6 months

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