STEM School
Board of Directors Meeting

November 1, 2016
5:30 pm- 7:30 pm
High School Commons

8773 Ridgeline Blvd. | Highlands Ranch, CO | 80129

Minutes

I.   **Call to Order**
      i Roll Call

      Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
      Board Members: Mark E. Alpert, Rudy Lukez, Jeff Berg, Roy Martinez,
      Nicole Smith, Tracy Scroggins
      Staff: Dr. Penny Eucker
      Others: Leanne Weyman
      SAC CoChairs: Karyn Weiffenbach and Renee Borchert, four parent
      attendees

      ii Pledge of Allegiance

II.   **Reading of the Mission Statement**

      Jeff Berg recited the mission statement

III. **Review of Previous Board minutes**

      Roy Martinez moved to amend the minutes Section 9 Public Comments
      to remove the specific names and replace with parent/student. This
      information is confidential. Roy motioned to approve the amended
      minutes. Nicole seconded. All in attendance approved.

IV.   **Executive Director's Report**

i Recent accomplishments and events
ii Budget report
iii Enrollment status and projections
iv Financial status and projections

Penny Eucker presented report.

Dr. Eucker presented photographs from the school-wide Unity Day. There was an Under the Sea Dance, where one of the sixth grade STEM students was the DJ. The school also completed Trunk of Treat. Kindergarten began to implement a new coding program. The students were able to pilot three products. BEST Robotics took first in Colorado for the sixth straight year and were featured in the news.

Several VIPs toured the school in the month of October: Noel Ginsburg-CareerWise, Ian Bernstein- Sphero, IP Media team for video, Erin Kane-Interim DCSD superintendent.

Enrollment: 1596. Ethnic: 34%. Next school year the goal is 1850 with about 100 off campus. Open enrollment: Nov. 1.

Financial dashboard: audit is complete. No change in numbers.

Academy: meet once a month. Smooth transition from 501c3 to STEM side. Scheduled for the last Friday of every month.

Innovation Pavilion Conceptual Model: live/work/school.

The staff holiday party is scheduled for December 15th.

Board training date is scheduled for January 13th.

V.   SAC Update

Karyn Weiffenbach and Renee Borchert presented discussion items from recent SAC meeting:

- Denise Gliwa spoke. Discussion of PR and social media growth. Slideshow about branding.

VI. SAC input on website

Discussion centered on SAC assuming an active role for student and parent input on improving the STEM website.

VII. Process for appointing Class A directors

The board currently has two Class A director openings and is in the process of developing an application and appointment process. The Board will work on a timeline for applications and will seek League of Charter School advice and support. The application should include a resume.

The board intends to develop a draft Class A application by the January board meeting.

VIII. TMP update- shuttle service

Shuttle service: additional reviews with the board last year DCSD. Use an offsite drop-off parking lot. RTD will allow us to use the fourth gate.

This item has been tabled indefinitely as the service is expensive and may not be needed.

IX. D1 partnership

Roy and Nicole will continue negotiations with Panorama for use of space particularly during the winter. The goal to begin facility usage is January 1st.

X. 2017-2018 Academic calendar approval

The Board approved the 2017-2018 academic calendar.

XI. Playground Status

The target date for the playground is February 28th.

HVAC: some units will be need to be replaced on the Barron's building.

XII. Public Comment

There were two parents that spoke about the playground. This has been a "hot spot" among the parents and they would like a defined timeline. Parents are working together to find a resolution.

XIII. Determine Need for Planning Sessions Prior to Next Board Meeting

The board determined that an additional planning session was not needed.

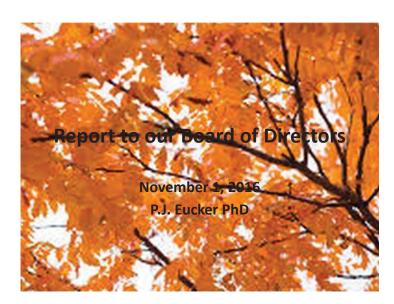## XIV. Adjourn Public Session

Rudy Lukez moved to adjourn the meeting. Roy Martinez seconded. All in attendance approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

XV. Convene executive session to discuss personnel related issues

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.

The board convened an executive session.

Trunk or Treat

Report to our Board of Directors

November 1, 2016

P.J. Eucker PhD

STEM Fall Festival

Celebrations- Unity Day

Fall Festival

Under the Sea Dance for grades 6-8

STEM in the News

- BEST took first in Colorado for the 6th year!
- News feature on Channel 9

Kindergarten Coding

Piloted three products

Kinders were very precise on their evaluation of preferred platform

VIPs in October

- Noel Ginsburg- CareerWise
- Ian Bernstein- Sphero (bb 8/StarWars)
- IP Media team for video
- Erin Kane- Interim DCSD superintendent

STEM Soccer Team

Enrollment

- Total enrollment for Count Day- 1596
- Ethnic Diversity- 34%
- Boys to girls- remains a goal to improve to 50:50
- Goal for 2017-2018- 1850 students with over 100 off campus

Kindergarten Field Trip

The Academy

- Meet once a month with mentors and any other interested in helping the Academy
- Smooth transition from the 501c3 to the STEM side
- Academy board met last Friday and is scheduled for last Friday of every month- except next one will be December 2nd

Open Enrollment

- November 1
- Began accepting students from our waitlist to honor families in the queue
- Goal is 2,000 students on our waitlist to help set up the need for second campus
- Encouraging high aptitude students to consider more AP or CE courses
- Target total for 2017-2018 is 1850 students

Innovation Pavilion Conceptual Model

Live/work/school ecosystem

Financial Dashboard

- Audit finally completed!
- No change in numbers from last month
- Financials and budget in your packet
- Will have a net positive income for year

Save the Date

- Holiday STEM staff and board party- December 15
- Board training date- January 13
- Graduation- May 19
  - We have a keynote speaker!

Bylaw Change

- Advised by Charter Liaison that STEM is approved to move forward
- Ready to take nominations for two Class A board members
- Must decide on criteria and application process

STEM has Magic!