

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2017

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Middle School Café- enter from the west side directly into the cafe
8773 Ridgeline Blvd. | Highlands Ranch, CO | 80129

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

i Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- Directors present: Mark Alpert, Tracy Scroggins (via cell phone for voting on agenda items III. and VII.), Jeff Berg, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez,
- Directors absent: Nicole Smith, Thomas Wendling, Adam Roderick
- Other attendees Dr. Penny Eucker, two SAC (Chair and one voting member) representatives, Leanne Weyman, two PTO representatives, four community members, five students.

ii Pledge of Allegiance

- Mark Alpert initiated.

II. Reading of the mission statement

- Penny Eucker recited the tag line.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve
- Rudy Lukez 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

- See attached power point slides.

V. SAC update

- Rotate DAC representation
- Strong DAC forum representation targeted
- Principal reports delivered by Karen Johnson
- Three faculty representatives on SAC
- STEP report summarized

- Buddy family update
- Lockdown/Lock out report
- Field update
- Driveline concerns/modification objections
- Eclipse discussion
- Block schedule concerns
- Looking for a community representative

VI. STEP/PTO Fundraising

- Handout on STEM PTO overview, fundraising ideas, and PTO Bylaw changes. Changes to PTO Bylaws will need BOD approval.
- Several Directors suggested that fundraising targets be lofty.
- Donation questions can be directed to STEP@stemk12.org or the STEP mailbox in the office.

VII. SAC Bylaws

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve amended bylaws. Rudy Lukez seconded. All approved.

VIII. Public Comment

- A parent offered kudos to the concurrent enrollment effort based on targeted marketing from prestigious universities received.

IX. Planning Session

- Mark Alpert mentioned future planning sessions are scheduled to move forward on Strategic Plan for both STEM School Highlands Ranch and for a future Charter Management Organization.

X. Adjourn Public Session

- Rudy Lukez motioned to convene to executive session. Roy Martinez seconded. All approved.

XI. 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.

STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH
BOARD REPORT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

P.J. Eucker PhD
Executive Director

FIRST DAY EXCITEMENT!




Kindergarteners line up, eager for their first day of school.

CELEBRATIONS

- Launched 2017-2018 school year
- Outstanding state test scores
- Reached our maximum student capacity

DCSD PRESENTS STEM WITH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Douglas County School District
September 8, 2017
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Proudly Recognizes
STEM School Highlands Ranch
2017 COLORADO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Learn Today. Lead Tomorrow.

STEM'S FUN RUN



FUN RUN PLUS FUN ACTIVITIES



GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS

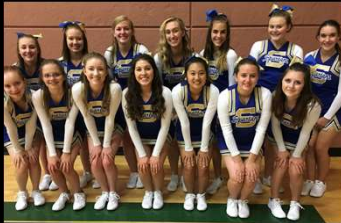


CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM COMPETES



Cross country competes in their first meet of the season.

SPARTAN CHEERLEADERS 2017-2018



STEM'S NEW BUDDY PROGRAM



STEM parents get to know one another at the Buddy Family event.

OUR 2017 SCORES

- STEM School Highlands Ranch scored 98.9 for Academic Achievement.
- High scoring students are harder to grow in the measured ways- 74.5% growth.
- Post secondary and workforce readiness score of 92.9%.
- DCSD has in our charter that we must maintain Performance Level. We scored 87.4 with 34.4 points to spare before the cut score of Improvement.
- We were the highest scoring school for PSAT and SAT out of fifteen DCSD high schools. Our PSAT scores grew by an astounding 25 points in one year.

ENROLLMENT

- 1850 was our goal and we built the budget on 1800 students. We are currently at 1803 and hope to reach 1810 by Count Day.
- 650 remain on the wait list- mainly for our full classes of grades 5-7.
- Shout-out to our registrars for enrolling so many new students from both in district and out of district schools.

BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

- Audit is complete but we do not yet have our report.
- Star was complimented on her thorough preparation and was asked if she could train other charter schools on how to prepare for an audit.
- % for building debt, personnel and benefits, days in reserve and projections all remain in safety zone.

PBL- PAPER SHOES TO WALK ON LEGOS

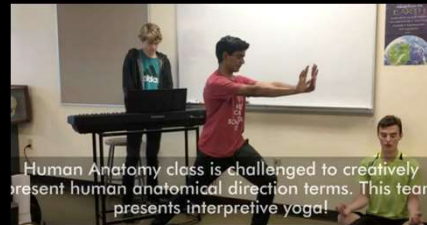


Fifth graders engineer newspaper shoes to protect their feet across a bed of legos.

WE NOW HAVE A DRAMA DEPARTMENT WITH SEVERAL PRODUCTIONS SCHEDULED



YOGA INSPIRED ANATOMY CLASS

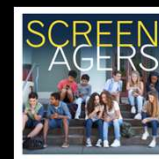


Human Anatomy class is challenged to creatively present human anatomical direction terms. This team presents interpretive yoga!

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017



STEM WILL SHOW THIS FILM ON SEPTEMBER 21



STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH PTO HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST FUNDRAISER

- \$17,000 in first day!
- More from the PTO team tonight.
- Teacher wish lists, playing field and playground are all on the list for possible grants.

WE ARE ONE OF 30 INTERNATIONALLY!

- Office of OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) selected thirty schools from their member countries to lead education in the 21st Century.



2017-2018 HAS LAUNCHED AND IT
WILL BE OUR BEST YEAR YET!



A Public Charter School of the Douglas County School District for Grades K-12