

**STEM School Highlands Ranch**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 12, 2018**

**High School Commons**

**5:30pm**

**I. Call to Order**

i. Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- Board Members: Mark Alpert, Nicole Smith, Rudy Lukez, Roy Martinez, Thomas Wendling present. Jeff Berg, Adam Roderick, and Tracy Scroggins were absent.
- Dr. Penny Eucker, former SAC representative Karyn Weiffenbach and one parent.

ii. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mark Alpert initiated

**II. Reading of the mission statement**

- Roy Martinez recited the mission statement.

**III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes**

- Roy Martinez motioned to approve
- Nicole Smith seconded
- All in attendance approved except for Rudy Lukez who abstained.

**IV. SAC Update:**

- Thomas Wendling gave a summary of key topics discussed at the May 16<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.
- There are 4 new members of the SAC, but they have not yet agreed on assigned positions for 2018-19.
- Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) we are not required to complete one this year, since we are meeting all academic requirements. This is required by the CDE biennially at minimum.
- The school is moving from Canvas to "Schoology" as its learning management system in the fall.
- An off-agenda item was discussed foster more overlap in attendance and participation across PTO, SAC, and BoD.

- A meeting between the whole SAC and BoD is being planned at a preliminary level for August. Karyn Weiffenbach to contact Lauren Pickett to discuss date for the joint meeting and to discuss topics.

#### **V. STEM PTO update**

- Roy Martinez: fundraising goals have been met for 2017-2018

#### **VI. Donations and Gifts Acceptance Policy**

- A cleaned-up version (from the last meeting) of the Donations and Gift Policy was considered.
- Roy Martinez moved to approve the policy with the following changes:
- Section 3.2, line #2 the word “Quickbooks” to be replaced with “accounting system”
- Section 4.1 The words “School side” to be deleted per Nicole Smith’s request.
- Nicole Smith seconded the motion.
- All in attendance approved.

#### **VII. Adoption of Resolution to the Corporations Bylaws**

- Modifications to Bylaws to be presented for approval to parent community in August.
- Modifications concern the distribution and duration of terms of Class A and B directors of the STEM Board of Directors.
- Roy Martinez motion to approve the Resolution
- Rudy Lukez seconded the motion.
- All in attendance approved.

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

- A community member voiced concern about allegations of impropriety against a former member of the STEM Academy board that appeared in a 9News article.
- The same community member produced a copy of a May 17, 2018 certified official letter from the Douglas County School Board to the STEM Board of Directors, and voiced concerns about letter.
- The same community member voiced concerns about a June 12<sup>th</sup> Westword article in which the May 17<sup>th</sup> letter is also mentioned.
- Another parent voiced support for the STEM board of directors.
- Mark Alpert and Nicole Smith both commented that any deficiencies, claims, and complaints that are brought to the Board’s attention are taken very seriously.

#### **IX. Adjourn Public Session**

- Roy Martinez motioned to convene to executive session at approximately 6:45 PM (exact time was not recorded). Rudy Lukez seconded. All approved.

#### **X. Convene executive session**

*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.*