

STEM School Board of Directors Meeting

March 5th, 2019
5:30pm – 7:30pm
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 PM
- Directors present: Jeff Berg, Roy Martinez, Tracy Scroggins, Thomas Wendling, Heidi Elliott, Brian Sapp
- Director absent: Mark Alpert, Rudy Lukez, Nicole Smith
- Other attendees: Penny Eucker, Karen Johnson, Leanne Weyman, a SAC representative, two PTO representatives, four students, and seven parents

ii Pledge of Allegiance

- Roy Martinez initiated.

II. Reciting of the Mission Statement

- Tracy Scroggins read the mission statement and recited the mission tagline.

III. Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes

- Thomas Wendling motioned to approve the 2/5/2019 minutes.
- Brian Sapp seconded.
- All in attendance approved.
- Roy Martinez motioned to approve amended 2/26/2019 minutes changing the bullet item under **III. Public comment** from

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- Tracy Scroggins seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

IV. Student Presentation – National Merit Finalist and commended students

- One finalist and two commended students offered reflection on their experience expressing appreciation for STEM’s contributions to their preparation and motivation. One of the commended students additionally acknowledged the STEM network as contributing to the achievement. Leanne Weyman indicated that six other students achieved the commended status. Other similar achievements of note:
 - one student is a finalist for the Daniels Fund Scholarship,
 - the College Board identified two students for the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and
 - one student is a finalist for the U.S. Presidential Scholarship.

V. Student Representatives Presentation

- The student body Vice President gave an overview of Wish Week currently taking place during the first week of March. Early in the week, the fundraising was already one third of the way to the \$12K goal. Student government is actively encouraging increased student participation.
- Other upcoming events are FRC team competition, Prom (4/13), a mural activity, and STEMfest (3/30).
- Recent TSA accomplishment have been:
 - multiple teams earning first, second, or third place in various categories,
 - fifteen students earning Colorado Stateman designation
 - two state-level officers – President and Reporter
 - 200 students to state competition
- Most students are aware of the new schedule, but many don’t know of the reason for the change. The student forum could be a conduit to get the word out on the rationale.

VI. Executive Director Report

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- See attached power point slides for further information contained in the Executive Directors Report.
- The BOD and the Executive Director discussed the possibility of a periodic compliance dashboard. The fluid nature and breadth of the requirements complicates establishing useful dashboard components.

VII. SAC Update

- Minutes of the most recent SAC meeting posted at https://www.stemk12.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=773139&type=d&pREC_ID=1173492)
- The next SAC meeting is scheduled for 3/6.
- The parent survey for the academic year will open soon.
- The committee is in the process of conducting officer elections to identify officers for next year.
- A joint SAC/PTO/BOD meeting is scheduled for 4/30.

VIII. PTO update

- Recent spring activities have been providing tacos to staff during professional development day, elementary evening with dad dance and game night, and mom and me battlezone.
- Collection boxes for teacher appreciation notes are distributed throughout the school.
- Ongoing efforts for the after-prom event (4/13) planning, STEMFest (3/30) with online auction (open 3/13 through 3/30), playground ground breaking (4/22), and graduation promotion signs continue.
- The spring grant cycle deadline is 4/10.

IX. Public comment

- Heidi Elliot provide a brief summary of the recent League of Charter Schools Conference.
 - Penny Eucker nominated for School Leader of the Year
 - Leanne Weyman conducted a highly engaging and interactive workshop
 - Charter schools across the state are experiencing many of the same challenges that STEM is facing.
 - Heidi Elliott will provide the BOD with a more detailed written report.

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- Roy Martinez thanked those in attendance for their leadership and efforts supporting the STEM vision and mission

X. Adjourn public session

- Tracy Scroggins motioned to adjourn public session.
- Brian Sapp seconded.
- All in attendance approved.

XI. Convene executive session

- No executive session was convened.

The Board may vote to recess into executive session pursuant to:

C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)(I): Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators

C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the local public body for the purposes of receiving legal advice

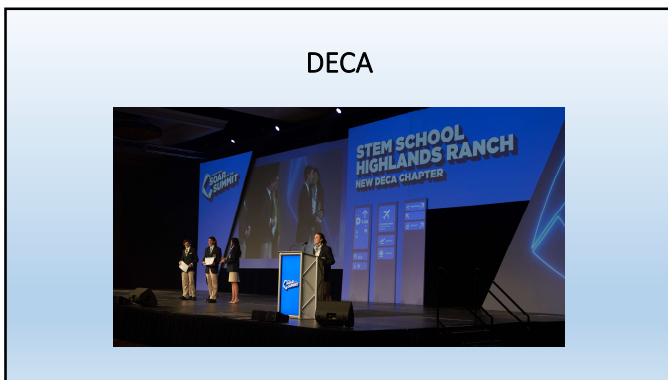
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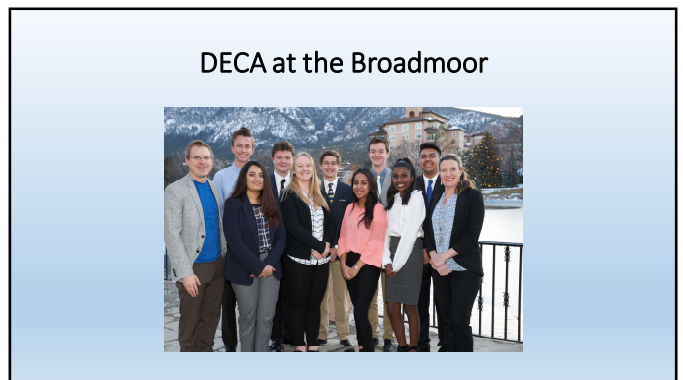
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Enrichment- Just passed the 1,000 enrollment benchmark for the first time.



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STEM's Annual Talent Show was last week



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March 30 at STEM



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Make-A-Wish
AMERICA

National Honor Society is raising funds to send pediatric patient, Landon, to LegoLand.

Wish Week is March 4-8

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Panther Industries Recognized by Colorado Business Roundtable With Champions in Industry Award for Education and Workforce



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Our state-mandated testing will take place
April 8-19th

- Grades 3-8 CMAS with Grade 11 has one science assessment.
- Data used to measure attainment of specific knowledge and skills.
- Instructional planning uses student data for personalized learning.
- Families are encouraged to have their students participate.

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Enrollment and Waitlist

- Ethnic diversity remains at just over 38%- perhaps highest in DCSD
- Fully enrolled for 2018-2019
- Adding one kindergarten for 2019-2020
- Longest waitlist is grade five with 175 students
- Total waitlist is 1,139 children
- High frustration for these families

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Financials

- Remain strong with same financial dashboard as reported last month
- Third quarter for fiscal year ends in March- reconciliation of accounts will be complete mid-April for May board meeting
- Medical insurance is always the variable for our forecast- the bids come in over the summer. If a substantial increase, we can increase the school's contribution. Right now, staff pays \$65.00 a month for health, dental, vision, disability- short term and long term.
- STEM pays about 30% of the employee's salary in benefits including PERA.

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Save the Date

CyberPatriot Celebrations- March 8
 Scholastic Book Fair- March 11-15
 Conferences- March 14 (evening) and March 15
 First Robotics Colorado Regional Competition- March 23
 STEM Fest- March 30 at STEM
 Prom- April 13 and after Prom at STEM
 PTO-SAC-STEM Board team meeting- April 30
 Graduation- May 20 Rain Date is May 21

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