



L.C. Fulenwider Campus

**Governing Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 7, 2022**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

STEAD School

18521 Homestead Trail, Commerce City, CO 80022

Via Zoom Meeting

**Board members in attendance:** Ashley DeLorenzo, Alex Chavez, Amy Schwartz, Jason McEldowney, Jen Torres, Kelly Leid, Maura O’Neal, and Sarie Patterson

**Absent board members:** Charles Dukes, Cheyenne Watson, Mizraim Cordero, and Tim Gallagher

**Staff members in attendance:** Amie Weldy, Candace Cheung, and Michelle Oray

**Absent staff members:**

**Other attendees:**

**Opening Items**

- Amy called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and declared a quorum of the STEAD Board at 6:07pm
- Jason motioned to approve the board meeting minutes from 10/3/2022 Sarie seconded it and the board unanimously approved. Amy entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Emergency Meeting from 10/13/2022, Jason motioned to approve, Maura seconded and the board unanimously approved.

**Committee Updates**

- Principal Update-
  - Amie shared a dashboard that she is working on to capture staff performance conferences.

- Y2 Enrollment/Y3 Recruitment—We are currently at 258 students enrolled as of count day. We have visited 2 middle schools this week and we are continuing to visit, recruitment for next year is underway.
  - Y2 Staff Hiring & leadership team—Amie shared that we do not currently have any vacancies.
  - STEM Certification Status- the initial meeting and dates have been established, we are in the self-assessment process will be submit and then will be reviewed by COGNIA.
- Site & Facilities Development & Planning–
    - Campus signage plan update—
    - Phase II (Building B) Construction Update/turnover—There will be an update tomorrow on Building B for the TCO with a goal of students and staff in the building on 11/28/2022. The environmental workshop is also pacing to be available before the end of the year.
    - Temporary facilities- We are still using the tents, with the heaters have been making the environment comfortable for the team and students.
    - Phase III Planning/Funding (Building C + Annex)—the funding is coming from the district and agreements are in process. November 16<sup>th</sup> the business deal will be done with 27-J, so it is on council to allow us to move forward. Target breaking ground date is 11/28/2022 which would allow for delivery of the building prior to students come back in the fall.
    - Phase IV Planning/Funding (The Barn)—we are working to conceptualize the final plan for this phase along with a fundraising plan.
- Fundraising & Partnerships –
    - Capital—
      - Through the work the students did on Without Exception we were able to get a \$34k grant through the WEND Collective. This is a 2-part grant for the staff and students.
      - Recently submit a grant to VELA in support of STEAD Farms for \$10K and could be a larger grant over additional iterations.
      - Kelly put forward an ask to the Reunion Community Foundation for some grants for the staff totaling \$73K
- Finance Committee/27J Mill Levy 2022-
    - November Ballot—Mill Levy— We will have more updates this Wednesday on what this would allow for per pupil funds.

- 2022-23 budget discussion—Amie, Candace, Minga and Amy met to look at the current fiscal year budget and the gap and how we will make this up. Build Strong Education has a \$300K commitment for this year and we have a commitment from the Daniels Fund. We are still approx. ~\$52K short. Amy’s recommendation is to apply for \$250K through the Daniels Fund. We will vote on this at the December meeting.
  - Adding Alex to approvals for items \$5K or larger— Amy entertained a motion to approve Alex as an approving member for any expenditures \$5K or more, Kelly motioned to approve, Jen seconded and the board unanimously approved.
  - 2023 State Budget – PPR projection— more updates to come in December meeting.
- DE&I Diversity Strategy Committee— Jen advised we will look at adding this to the upcoming Board retreat. She will also be sending out an interest form to revisit the sub-committee for this.
  - SAC Report—
    - Michell shared that they completed the Accelerator week survey for both students and parents. We had a high student response rate (54%), and the preliminary results were positive. There were improvements from the spring survey. 63% students and parents were 83% that they were satisfied with the educational value of the accelerator week.

**Closing Items**

- Amy entertained a motion to adjourn, Kelly motioned to adjourn; Sarie seconded, and the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.