

FOR THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL  
Governing Board Minutes  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
1:00 p.m.

John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School, Easley Education Center  
405 S. Gladstone Ave.  
Aurora, Illinois 60506-4892

### **1. Call to Order**

Dr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

### **2. Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Hichens, Dr. Sherrick, Dr. Craig & Dr. Sullivan  
Also Present: Arin Carter, Chetna Patel and Ana Buenrostro  
Dr. Norrell arrived at 1:07 pm.

### **3. Public Comments**

No Public comment

### **4. Consent Agenda**

#### 4.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2018

Dr. Hichens motioned and Dr. Craig seconded to approve the consent agenda item 4.1

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

#### 4.2. Approval of October, November & December Bill Listings

Dr. Hichens motioned and Dr. Craig seconded to approve the consent agenda item 4.2

Ayes: (4)

Nays: (0)

### **5. Information/Presentations/Discussion**

#### **5.1 John C Dunham STEM Partnership School Report**

##### **5.1.1 Open STEM teacher positons**

Mrs. Carter provided an update on open teacher positions. Current teachers are reapplying and she is expecting positives outcomes.

##### **5.1.2 ISBE Illinois interactive report card**

The report card in the ISBE website has inaccurate information in some areas. The Board discussed the 5 essential survey, and how STEM families do not have access to the survey.

##### **5.1.3 Technology in the classroom**

Mrs. Carter shared that the schools continue innovative technology. The students are using CoSpaces and it's been integrated not only in science but also in Language Arts.

Mrs. Carter attended FETC conference, and provided positive feedback.

**5.1.4 Incoming Informational Meeting for parents**

Mrs. Carter provided the date for the meeting. This year she scheduled the meeting earlier to allow parent to have more time to make a decision. She will continue to offer tours to parents. The application will be in a Google form this year. Responses will be shared with the districts.

**5.1.5 Planning for FY20 Budget**

The Board discussed whether a formal evaluation of the school is needed. T Sr. Sherrick believes an outside evaluation would be beneficial. External commentary may be valuable using a different evaluator.

Dr. Sullivan suggested to start looking into the potential evaluation before the next school year to review the cost and allocate funds in the budget.

**5.1.6 STEM Alumni**

Mrs. Carter spoke about students coming back to the school and sharing their experiences after leaving STEM.

**5.1.7 Review Inclement weather practices**

The Board discussed the options in case of inclement weather. Discussion about the logistics of late start or early released rose, most of the districts dislike such practices. The STEM Partnership School will not release school early or implement late starts for weather. The Board agreed that most of the time district do things together such as school closures.

**5.1.8 District Goals**

Mrs. Carter provided a document to the Board with the goals. Mrs. Carter is working with the district to obtain former students' testimony or their experiences at STEM.

**6. Adjourn**

Dr. Hichens motioned and Dr. Craig seconded to adjourn.

Ayes: (5)

Nays: (0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm

Ana K Buenrostro

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