

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
1:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Eagle.

2. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Craig, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Eagle, Dr. Hichens, Dr. Stoval

Absent: None

3. Public Comments

- Carla Sieh addressed the Board regarding sports participation at Herget Middle School. She stated that District 131 and Batavia are allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Matt Root addressed the Board to advocate for sports and activities at a student's home school. He was told by Dr. Eagle that is parents can get them to the event they would be allowed to participate.
- Tracy stated that Batavia is allowed to participate.
- Mrs. Ramos advocated for a bigger space for eighth grade promotion.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2016

4.2. Approval of October, November, and December Bill Listing

Moved by Sullivan seconded by Hichens to approve Consent Agenda items 4.1 and 4.2

Ayes: (5) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Stoval

Nays: (0)

5. Action Items

- 5.1. Approval of Engagement Report from Sikich LLC for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Hichens to approve Engagement Report from Sikich LLC for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

Ayes: (5) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Stoval

Nays: (0)

- 5.2. Approval of the Evaluation Plan Report for the 2016-2017 School Year for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

A motion was made by Hichens, seconded by Sullivan to approve the Evaluation Plan Report for the 2016-2017 School Year for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School.

Dr. Eagle presented an overview. Dr. Sullivan inquired about the external evaluation. There was a general discussion to look at alternatives.

Ayes: (5) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Stoval

Nays: (0)

- 5.3. Approval of School Improvement Plan with Narrative for 2016-2017 School Year for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Hichens to approve the school improvement plan with narrative for 2016-2017 school year for the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School.

Dr. Eagle pointed out the changes to the document.

Ayes: (5) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Stoval

Nays: (0)

6. Discussion

- 6.1. Sports Participation for students at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School

Arin Carter provided feedback from December meeting with the assistant superintendents and directors. There was no consensus and there needs to be consistency. The feedback was that incoming third graders will not be able to participate. Dr. Sullivan provided feedback regarding the original agreement and there are mixed messages. Dr. Craig stated that there needs to be a fair and equitable agreement. Dr. Hichens stated that the group needs to figure out when to decide and where to evidence the decision. Dr. Stoval stated that parent meetings are upcoming so what should the message be. Dr. Eagle stated that there is a possibility to develop opportunities at STEM school. The three options are to allow no participation and be consistent, explore opportunities at the STEM school or allow individual districts to make their own decisions. It was also discussed to grandfather the current students. Arin would identify who is currently participating in extracurricular activities in 2016-2017. Incoming third graders or new students will not be allowed to participate and this will be listed in the handbook. The question was asked regarding an appeal process for current 4^{th-7th} graders. For school year 16-17, third graders will not be allowed to participate. For school year 17-18, third and fourth graders will not be allowed to participate. A decision needs to be made for 5-8th graders. Dr. Hichens would like to make sure we are still encouraging students to attend STEM.

6.2. Update on STEM School Handbook

Arin Carter will provide an advance electronic copy of the handbook for the next meeting.

6.3. Budget Preparation for the FY18 School Year

Sharon Maxwell will begin to prepare the budget. Evaluation expenditures will be utilized towards extracurricular costs.

7. Information

7.1. John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School Report

Arin Carter provided highlights of STEM school students and engaging opportunities in the community.

7.1.1.1 Incoming Parent/Student Meeting on March 2, 2017 – 6PM
Arin Carter presented this to the group.

7.1.1.2 Professional Development Update

Dr. Patel presented. The partnership with the Dunham Foundation was discussed. There will be three courses offered on how to teach STEM that will be offered in the summer. Dr. Eagle stated that Dr. Miller will teach the Michael J. Birck's innovation program.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dr. Hichens, second by Dr. Sullivan to adjourn at 3:39 p.m.

Ayes: (4) Craig, Sullivan, Eagle, Hichens, Stoval

Nays: (0)



Dr. Jeff Craig
Governing Board Secretary
John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School