



Lied Stem Academy's SOT Minutes
SOT Meeting Held at the Main Office Conference Room and via Google Meets
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 4:30 pm

School Organizational Team Members:

Tim Roberts, Chair/Teacher Member
Jason Martin, Vice-Chair/Parent Member
Angie Oliveros, Teacher Member
Tracy Lopez, Staff Member
Francis McCabe, Parent Member
Mariana Anaya, Secretary/Parent Member
Qendryn Rodman, Student Member

Admin: Kelly Thorson, Principal

The School Organizational Team may take items on the agenda out of order; may combine two or more agenda items for consideration and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda at any time.

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call

- 1.1 Lied Stem Academy School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm on 5/02/23 at the Main Office's Conference Room and via Google Meets**
- 1.2 Members Present:** Admin Kelly Thorson (Principal), Tim Roberts (Chair/Teacher Member), Jason Martin (Vice-Chair/Parent Member), Angie Oliveros (Teacher Member), Tracy Lopez (Staff Member), Francis McCabe (Parent Member), and Mariana Anaya (Secretary/Parent Member)
- 1.3 Members Absent:** Qendryn Rodman (Student Member)

2.0 Old Items

- 2.1 Reviewed/Approved Minutes from April 4, 2023, meeting at 4:34 pm; all members present were in favor**
- 2.2 First Motion** to approve the Minutes made by Francis McCabe (Parent Member) at 4:34 pm
- 2.3 Second Motion** to approve the Minutes made by Angie Oliveros (Teacher Member) at 4:34 pm

3.0 New Items

3.1 Hiring Updates

- 3.1.1 A 7th grade teacher is resigning, and a SPED teacher is moving out of state
- 3.1.2 Two Spanish teachers are also leaving and with changes in staff, there will be no Spanish classes offered
 - 3.1.2.1 Only option to consider would be for student to enroll in NVLA for high school credit as teachers would be difficult to replace unless long-term subs are available to fill the positions

3.2 Budget Updates

- 3.2.1 Budget changes need to be made in order to reflect the two Spanish teacher position eliminations
 - 3.2.1.1 Spanish positions to reflect the need to hire additional ELA teacher and budget to reflect changes

3.3 Facility Updates

- 3.3.1 With an estimated \$9,400 left, the Building's budget would replace the carpet at the Library with hardwood/laminate flooring (approved)
- 3.3.2 Section with Green Room (the school's section with carpet)
- 3.3.3 E-games (not in the budget; waiting for potential sponsors and waiting for further costs to be explored)
 - 3.3.3.1 Waiting on word from Microsoft and the NFL (kick off meeting for the Super Bowl to be held in February of 2024) for potential sponsorships
 - 3.3.3.2 Currently, we do not have info on the semantics, or the support needed to fund the e-games
- 3.3.4 Grant money for the Gym's Speaker System (essential for concerts/family & community engagement events; will reduce the number of chords and will eliminate the need from hauling the speakers to and from the gym; system will allow to plug into your phone and to have the ability to use a wireless mic)



(3.0 New Items. 3.2 Facility Updates.. continued from above)

- 3.3.5 Updated Broadcasting Equipment in order to enhance student learning and in order to provide better capabilities to the broadcasting class and its students
- 3.3.6 The legislature has set limits on the Carry Over Funds for about 5%
 - 3.3.6.1 We could potentially lose the money/funds if we do not use it; so we need to spend allocated \$
- 3.3.7 Landscaping to be an estimated \$100K investment in order to reflect Lied STEM Academy on the outside as well as on the awesomeness of what's going on inside the campus
- 3.3.8 Carry over for this year to be 1-1.1 million
- 3.3.9 District to give us back the number for our projected enrollment is in question
 - 3.3.9.1 We are standing to lose about 40 students with a projected budget of \$50-80K; we're over 1600 students this year which means that we're estimated to lose about 20-30 students at \$10K p/student; we're looking to lose about \$250-300K for the upcoming 2023-24 school year
- 3.3.10 Updated LED screens have been allocated, but not paid for
- 3.3.11 Outdoor Carpet for the gym will not only last longer, but in the long haul, it will cost less than refinishing the gym floors (especially with the use of wear and tear with the choir and their use of the risers)
 - 3.3.11.1 Carpet is a temporary outdoor commercial 12 ft roll about 90" in length which can stand at the end of the bleachers; they are removal for safekeeping on the wear and tear & can be stored
 - 3.3.11.2 Carpet costs about \$5-6K and in lasts about 8-10 years or longer (especially if removed)

3.4 Upcoming Events

- 3.4.1 **Upcoming Testing Dates:**
 - 3.4.1.1 **SBAC Math** (6th-8th) to be administered on **Monday, May 1st & Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023**
 - 3.4.1.2 **SBAC Math** (6th-8th) **Make-Up Test** to be administered on **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023**
 - 3.4.1.3 **SBAC Math** (6th-8th) **Make-Up Test** to be administered on **Thursday, May 4th, 2023**
 - 3.4.1.4 **SBAC** (6th-8th) to be continued on **Friday, May 5th, 2023**
- 3.4.2 **Upcoming Lied STEM Academy Events:**
 - 3.4.2.1 **Teacher Appreciation Week begins Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th, 2023**
 - 3.4.2.2 **Yearbook Launch Party** to be held on **Tuesday, May 9th, 2023**, at **Lied STEM Academy's Cafeteria**
 - 3.4.2.3 **The NJHS** (Nat'l Junior Honor Society) **Induction Ceremony** will be held on **Friday, May 12th, 2023**, at **Lied Stem Academy's Gymnasium**
 - 3.4.2.4 **6th/7th Grade Awards Night** to be held on **Monday, May 15th, 2023**
 - 3.4.2.5 **8th Grade Awards Night and 8th Grade Dance** to be held on **Friday, May 12th, 2023**
 - 3.4.2.6 **STEM Tank presentations** to be held on **Tuesday, May 16th at 3:00 pm** and **Wednesday, May 17th at 9:45 am of 2023**; both **STEM Tank days/dates (Tuesday and Wednesday) are Open to Family and Friends**
 - 3.4.2.7 **Monday, May 22nd, 2023**; 4th Grading Period ends and the 2022-23 school year ends

4.0 Good for the Order Questions

- 4.1.1 A Community Forum will be in place to discuss the 7x10 ft Digital Communication Display Board to be placed at the end of the building in order to receive community feedback (one person is still against the billboard; waiting on results of the forum and its effects on the display board)
 - 4.1.1.1 Feedback will determine the neighborhood's impact and if a permit will be required
 - 4.1.1.2 Marquee (electronic) to be an estimated cost of 50K for an 8x12 ft size facing Bradley
 - 4.1.1.3 Already a powered sourced area, but will need to install a hard wire for the internet use vs Wi-Fi
 - 4.1.1.4 As a team, we will provide SOT letters of support, if and when needed
- 4.1.2 **Smarter-Balance (SBAC) testing information**
- 4.1.3 **STEM Tank**
 - 4.1.3.1 Check the school's website for dates and additional information regarding the STEM Tank presentations



4.1.3.2 STEM Tank presentations are to be held on Tuesday, May 16th from 1:30-3pm and Wednesday, May 17th from 8:15-9:45. Both are OPEN to Family and Friends (and Community members)

5.0 Information

5.1 Next Meeting: Lied STEM Academy SOT meeting on **Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4 pm at Lied STEM Academy's Conference Room and via Google Meets (optional)**

5.2 Next Agenda Items (subject to change): **Review and approve Lied STEM Academy's SPP for the 2023-24 school year**

6.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum allotted per person).. None were present

Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may call Lied STEM Academy at 702-799-4620 or sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. No one may sign up for another person or yield their time to another person. Generally, a person wishing to speak during the comment period will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the School Organizational Team. Speakers may also submit additional comments in writing.

It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff. Speakers who are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Angie Oliveros (Teacher Member) and Francis McCabe (Parent Member) at 5:04 pm