

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017 • 2:00pm

STEM Action Center: 60 East South Temple, Suite 850, Salt Lake City

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| Members Present: | Bert VanderHeiden, Gene Levinzon, Tami Pyfer, Val Hale, Rich Nelson, Dave Woolstenhulme, Reza Jalili, Blair Carruth |
| Members Absent: | Sydnee Dickson, Jon Pierpont |
| Staff: | Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Kaitlin Felsted, Jackie Moynihan, Kellie Yates, Lynn Purdin, Clarence Ames, Vatsala Kaul, Abby Dowd, Lolly Bowler, Yeganeh Lari |
| Visitors: | Dan Tracy, Stan Lockhart, P. Fawson, Brent Petersen, Andrea Rorrer |

I. Welcome and Related Business

STEM Action Center Executive Director, Dr. Tamara Goetz, called the meeting to order. She welcomed new board member Dave Woolstenhulme, who was then officially sworn in. Later in the meeting, when Val Hale arrived, he proposed a motion for the approval of the November meetings minutes. Stan Lockhart moved to approve the minutes. Blair Carruth seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved. The schedule of the board meetings in the coming year was discussed. It was decided that having meetings every other month is sufficient.

APPROVE NOVEMBER MINUTES

MOTION: VAL HALE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY BLAIR CARRUTH. THE MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.

II. Board Discussion

Tami introduced the presenters of the meeting, representatives from Utah Valley University and the University of Utah. The Colleges of Education from these prospective schools are partnering as our 3rd party evaluators. The speakers summarized the evaluation plan that is being developed, which includes increasing collaboration, maintaining the data that has already been found and refining and extending said data. The overall goal is to be able to look at the data from many angles in order to fully understand the findings that result from the work of the STEM Action Center. They are excited to take on this task, and have already seen that the STEM Action Center is ready and willing to work alongside them.

Tami Goetz then opened up the board discussion, explaining that there are current openings on the board and asking for input. There was some discussion about having a teacher on the board. The board members agreed that they would brainstorm possible candidates and follow up. There was discussion about the Legislative Session and what bills are being proposed that relate to STEM. There is an industry lead bill for the K-16 Computing Initiative, STEM AC is in support of it, but not heavily involved. There is also a bill being opened on behalf of the STEM Foundation in order to refine some of the key language to allow for the establishment of an endowment and the ability to accrue interest.

Val Hale reminded those present that since the STEM Action Center is part of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, we cannot officially lobby against anything that is in the

Governor's budget. He reiterated a request that everyone be careful to not lobby as an official member of the STEM Action Center Board.

Tami Goetz gave a brief update about the legislative auditor. Matt Harvey has been spending time in the STEM Action Center office to evaluate the operations. The team is trying to encourage open discussion. It has been a very positive way to evaluate and develop stronger strategies. It is good preparation in case of an audit in the future. The focus is to improve general performance, data tracking and evaluation, and co-mingling of private and public funds and vendor control.

Tami turned the time over to Sue Redington, STEM Action Center Program Director, for a program budget report. Sue spoke briefly about the unencumbered funds that are left after the approval of the 2017 operational budget. She broke down what funds we have that are ongoing for some of the STEM AC programs, what has been spent so far and what is left over for the fiscal year. She opened up some discussion about ideas that we have for how to utilize the unencumbered funds. Kellie Yates and Tami Goetz spoke to the Professional Learning program and how these unencumbered funds can be used to improve the program and get more teachers involved.

Val Hale and Tami Goetz mentioned some upcoming events, the Governor's Science Medals Awards and STEM Tech Day at the Capitol. Val asked for a motion to adjourn, Tami Pyfer moved to adjourn.

III. Adjournment

MOTION: TAMI PYFER MOVED TO CLOSE THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED.