

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2020 • 2:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Vance Checketts, Jill Love, Kat Potter, Sarah Lehman, Tami Pyfer, Mark Sunday, Tim Miller, Scott Hansen, Scotty Nowlin, Syd Dickson, Jessica Gilmore, Nate McDonald

Members Absent:

Staff: Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Lynn Purdin, Kellie Yates, Melanie Shepherd, Clarence Ames, Julianne Bailey, David Wicai, Allison Spencer, Becca Robison, Molly Bock, Colleen Fisher, Jack Markman

Visitors: Scott Cheney, Ben Dalton, Kilo Zamora

I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Vance commented that we have January Board Meeting Minutes to approve.

Tim Miller made a motion to approve the January minutes, Mark Sunday seconded the motion. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

II. Share Out:

Vance Checketts commented that Jessica Gillmore is replacing Blair Carruth. Jessica Gillmore gave an introduction of herself. Kat Potter is the new Deputy Director of DHA. Kat gave an introduction of herself.

III. Board Discussion

Tami Goetz commented that the team is working hard to help teachers and families with school efforts as a result of COVID-19. Tim Miller asked if STEM would be extending grant money with the current situation. Sue Redington commented that small micro grants we would extend with the situation and some may be modified. Sue commented that STEM would be reviewing the grants case by case. Clarence Ames commented that math would be keeping on the same schedule.

Jill Love gave a legislative update. \$3.8 million for Professional Learning Grants came to DHA. Jill commented that with taxes not being due until July that there is a shortage of money. Jill commented that there is no changes to STEM's budget and no new money given to STEM. Jill also commented on U-Serve's accomplishments with COVID. Tami Goetz thanked Jill and the DHA team for all their work. Vance Checketts also gave a thank you to Jill.

Sue Redington gave a budget overview. Tim Miller asked about money provided by the state and asked if there was a standard rate. Sue answered yes. Syd Dixon asked about fixed costs and indirect costs. Jill Love answered Syd's questions. Scott Hansen requested that Sue add a "budget" column so we can ensure we are spending in the way

we had planned. Jill Love commented that there should be no additional spending right now unless it is necessary. Vance Checketts commented that there is probably a lack of spending for travel, etc.

Presentation by Superintendent Ben Dalton and Lynn Purdin. Lynn Purdin updated the board on Computing Partnership Grants for FY2021-2023 - \$3,422,185 awarded over 3 years. Ben Dalton gave a PowerPoint presentation on computer First Lego League, coding clubs, after school & summer programs, maker space video, family STEM night, COVID-19 adjustments and free internet. Vance Checketts asked about the number of homes that needed internet. Ben answered 17 homes. Jessica Gillmore asked about the engagement of the kids. Ben answered that 80–85% of the kids. Mark Sunday commented that 7 of 19 happiest people are in tech jobs. Mark also commented there has got to be an incredible amount of learning with all the digital efforts. Jessica Gillmore commented on opening a discussion board for teachers of what worked and what didn't with this digital learning. Tami Goetz commented that STEM is trying to capture these best practices and would like to talk further with Jessica about this. Lynn Purdin commented that Kane County partnered with community partners & higher ed to make things happen. Syd Dixon commented on Kane County leadership of Ben Dalton and how he did a great job in Garfield County also.

Turned the time over to Kilo Zamora for a strategic planning presentation. The development planning committee is starting to do analysis of each program, community engagement, dynamic strategic plan and post plan. Vance Checketts asked Kilo where we will be in the process by the June board meeting. Kilo answered that the community engagement would not be finished for the June meeting and that by the end of summer we should be able to see the first draft. Tami Goetz asked how the board would feel about a combined board meeting with the foundation board. Vance Checketts commented he felt it would be good.

Allison Spencer commented on how it is hard with COVID-19 to ask for money right now. STEM in Motion will receive funding. Allison Spencer gave an update on the foundation and the foundation match of \$50,000 to help non-profits. Allison also talked about the 10,000 face shields that are being made and Micron \$20,000 donation toward those efforts. Becca Robison commented on her work with LEA's, local libraries, local business to get face shields produced. Requests are going through U-Serve. Tami Goetz thanked the team for all their efforts.

David Wicai went over the upcoming STEM events. STEM Best Practices Conference is cancelled this year and we are following the climate to determine next steps on STEM Fest. Jessica Gillmore talked about reaching out to higher ed partners before schools are out to get kits, etc. to pass out to. "STEM Fest" in your neighborhood. David Wicai spoke about the STEM in the Home webpage, Jazz E-gaming STEM Challenge, Craft Lake City - 6 part workshops and other programs STEM is working on. Vance gave a thank you for those efforts.

Tami Goetz turned the time over to Sue Redington to talk about our new space. Sue Redington comments that the new space is behind due to delays. Construction has not started yet, most likely move into the space in the fall.

Summer Camps – 50% still waiting to decide how to proceed, 25% cancelled and 25% virtual. STEM is keeping people informed of these camps.

Vance Checketts asked if anyone had any questions or comments. Tami Goetz asked for everyone to please share STEM's website with family and friends.

Next board meeting will be June 24, 2020.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 pm