

STEM Action Center Board/Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2020 • 2:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:	Vance Checketts, Jill Love, Mark Sunday, Tim Miller, Scott Hansen, Syd Dickson, Jessica Gilmore, Nate McDonald
Members Absent:	Sarah Lehman, Tami Pyfer, Scotty Nowlin
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Lynn Purdin, Kellie Yates, Melanie Shepherd, Clarence Ames, Julianne Bailey, David Wicai, Allison Spencer, Becca Robison, Colleen Fisher, Jack Markman
Visitors:	Kat Potter, Scott Cheney, Kilo Zamora, Rob Owens, Andrea Rorrer, Brodey Moore, Felicia Onuma, Katya Wagstaff, Michael Grooms, Michelle Shin, Mark Ripke, Brian Verwer

I. Welcome and Related Business

Sue Redington commented that we do not have enough for a quorum, but we do have STEM Foundation Board members included in the meeting. Approval of the minutes will be pushed to next meeting. Vance Checketts commented that we do not have any budget approvals, we would just be reviewing the budget as requested by board members. Vance Checketts called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. Share Out:

Vance asked if anyone had any STEM related items they would like to share. Vance asked if anyone is familiar with Mountainland Headstart, they reach about 800 kids in different counties, mostly serve kids Pre-K in underserved populations. They have recently started a STEM program and Vance directed them to the STEM AC.

Tami Goetz gave a shout out to Brian Verwer from Micron for the donation to produce face shields. Brian Verwer commented that the medical field is saturated with them and dental offices are still looking for some donations. Micron will continue producing until the 7th. Becca Robison commented that she delivered 1,200 face shields to U-Serve Utah this past Friday, 500 were also delivered by Micron. U-Serve's goal was 10,000 face shields and a total of 18,000 were produced. Brian Verwer gave a big thank you to Becca for all her efforts.

III. Board Discussion

Tami Goetz gave the legislative update. She stated that all departments were asked to take a 2%, 5% or 10% cut. As of now STEM will be taking a 5% cut, along with DHA. Tami thanked Clarence Ames for talking to vendors to get them to donate 5% of math licenses to make up for the cut. Jill Love gave an overview of the CARES dollars – DHA received \$10 million to grant out (\$1 million will go to multicultural non-profit organizations, the other

\$9 million will go out to the cultural sector – profit/non-profit organizations). Jessica Gillmore gave more information of where more CARES dollars were allocated.

Sue Redington gave a review of the STEM budget. Sue commented that Allison Spencer has been getting donations for STEM's new space and commented that we are shooting for October to move-in. Sue will provide a year-end update in the August board meeting. Tami Goetz commented that an additional 2,000 square feet of STEM's new space is for students.

Tami Goetz gave a thank you to Kilo Zamora and turned the time over to Kilo. Tami gave a thank you to the Foundation Board Members for being in the meeting and their support of STEM AC. Kilo went over the vision statement. Mark Sunday commented that a vision statement is a future place we want to create and a mission statement is what our role is in accomplishing that. During Kilo's presentation Tim Miller commented that he agrees with Mark on the mission statement. Michelle Shin commented, in industry, that the four vision statements are components of the strategy/mission. Jessica Gillmore commented that she is not sure that supporting is the right term, we should focus on vision of getting STEM into all classrooms. Michelle Shin commented she would want the final statement to be very aspirational with motivational & aspiration words in it. Syd Dickson commented that there are going to be a lot of surveys coming at schools in the fall. The earlier we get surveys out the better. Jessica Gillmore suggested catalyzing the integration of STEM content across all levels and subjects of education in Utah. Michelle Shin commented all are logical thinkers, this can feel uncomfortable, but we are confident we will get there. Scott Hansen suggested "Connect all students to STEM". Kellie Yates commented that our team has been meeting and using Brene Brown's book Dare to Lead. We have identified five values: collaborate, innovate, inspire, accountable and elevate.

Allison Spencer commented that it is good to see everyone. Allison commented that Mark Ripke, with Boeing, is in the meeting and they sponsored STEM Signing Day on the Hill. It was a successful event. Allison gave a shout out to Brian Parker and Hailey who have tirelessly worked on STEM's new space. Allison showed some STEM cufflinks that Becca Robison made as a thank you gift for Brian Parker. Allison also spoke about non-profit funds, new opportunities with the remaining Micron funding, which included the Navajo Nation project (we are purchasing 3-D printers for them) and also providing 3-D printers for the healthcare for Navajo Nation to make their own face shields. Northrup Grumman donated to help with equipment for the new hub, Comcast is donating to the hub and STEM learning kits, Hill Air Force Base is looking to engage and help, Dominion hopefully partnering with other divisions, and Boeing has continued to help. Vance gave a shout out to the awesome partners. Tami Goetz commented about an AmeriCorps Grant for a math mentor program and STEM was awarded a planning grant for the next year.

Andrea Rorrer gave a math personal learning presentation. Andrea asked that the information she presented not be shared until after July 7th. Vance commented that ST Math is looking good. Clarence Ames commented that over time, students' proficiency declines as the students move to higher grades. Clarence gave an explanation of these findings. Tami Goetz commented that now we have data for multiple years. Vance reiterated to everyone not to share the math information until mid-July.

Tami Goetz commented that after talking with Jessica Gillmore, STEM has just launched a Facebook STEM Community page. After a week the STEM Community page has over 200 members. Tami talked about topics and asked everyone for suggestions for topics on the Facebook page. Jessica Gillmore gave kudos to the STEM team.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 pm