

## STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020 • 2:00pm

Zoom Meeting

<b>Members Present:</b>	Vance Checketts, Scott Hansen, Mark Ripke, Scotty Nowlin, Jamie Morningstar, Nate McDonald, Jessica Gilmore
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Karen Peterson, Syd Dickson, Sarah Lehman, Mark Sunday
<b>Staff:</b>	Lynn Purdin, Sue Redington, Melanie Shepherd, Becca Robison, Julienne Bailey, Kellie Yates, Jack Markman, Tami Goetz, David Wicai, Colleen Fisher, Jill Love, Allison Spencer, Clarence Ames
<b>Visitors:</b>	Ashley Wendt, Katie Ricks, Katya Wagstaff, Andrea Rorrer, Brody Moore, Scott Cheney, Felicia Onuma, Matt Pecsok

### I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order. Vance requested approval of minutes. Sue Redington stated that we do not have a quorum so we cannot vote on the approval of the minutes. Vance also asked if there were any questions on the minutes, no one responded with questions.

### II. Share Out:

Scotty Nowlin introduced Ashley Wendt. Scotty stated that he has been with BAE for four years and carried over STEM from the Air Force to BAE. Ashley Wendt was invited to shadow Scotty in his work and in this meeting. Ashley Wendt introduced herself and stated that she has joined BAE in the last five week. She previously worked for Ogden/Weber Technical College and has a passion for STEM.

Jamie Morningstar stated that she had a good conversation with Tami Goetz on how to get industry involved.

Nate McDonald commented on the unemployment in Utah with the pandemic. Nate stated that Utah has the second fastest job recovery rate since the pandemic. The biggest effort is to try to connect the unemployed to where the jobs are and the greatest demand are STEM related jobs.

Jill Love gave a DHA update. Jill stated that the department received over \$20 million for CARES dollars and that the last of it will be going out this week. This money has been used to help keep the doors open for many local businesses. Multi-Cultural Affairs took about \$5 million of the money to help with basic needs such as food, utilities, etc. The Library partnered with UEN to work with local libraries all over the state to check out hotspots for families to have WiFi access. U-serve has been helping with understaffed healthcare workers. Across the department, all have had to pivot during COVID.

### III. Board Discussion

Vance stated that we now have enough for a quorum, so we can now vote on the August minutes. A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Jamie Morningstar, second was made by Nate McDonald. There was a unanimous approval of minutes.

Sue Redington gave a budget review over every area. Sue commented that this has been a lean year so far and we should have no problem staying within budget. Jamie Morningstar asked if grants had been affected by the pandemic – fewer or more grant applicants. Sue Redington commented that grant applications were received in February (before the hit of the pandemic), so the grants were not affected by the pandemic. Math licenses - demand has increased. Kellie Yates commented that the Professional Learning had a reduced amount of applications for new grants since it was right as schools were closing down. These grants are on a three-year cycle and most said they would wait to see what happens next year. Lynn Purdin commented that Computing Partnership Grants are also on a three-year cycle. The grants were awarded just prior to the pandemic, but that spending has been affected by the pandemic.

Becca Robison gave the group a virtual tour of the new offices and maker space. Becca gave an overview of the kinds of activities that we will be doing in the maker space and the equipment that we will have in the maker space.

Tami Goetz gave an overview of the artist in residence program and how STEM would involve students and teachers in this program. Tami stated that Chris Peterson is the artist who will be painting the mural in the office ([www.chrispetersonstudio.com/murals](http://www.chrispetersonstudio.com/murals)). Tami gave a big shout out to Allison for the fundraising to purchase equipment for the maker space and a shout out to the team for the work on the maker space.

Tami Goetz gave a presentation on the Strategic Planning process. Tami commented that the data is very rich and fun to dig through. The Strategic Plan looked at short and long-term, threats, changes in behaviors, what we are doing well, outreach, accessibility, etc. We would like to have it ready by the end of December or early January so it is ready for the legislative session.

Andrea Rorrer introduced herself and gave a STEM Landscape presentation. Brody Moore shared this link [http://uepc-datastories.shinyapps.io/Landscape\\_Dashboard/](http://uepc-datastories.shinyapps.io/Landscape_Dashboard/) for everyone to look through all the data contained in the landscape analysis. Andrea commented that when the link goes live, she would share it with Clarence and Tami to get to everyone. Tami Goetz gave a shout out to Mark Ripke and Boeing for the funding to do this project. Tami asked the board to let us know where the gaps are in this information so we can cover those in the future. Vance Checketts commented that there is so much data that it is overwhelming.

David Wicai gave an overview of our virtual STEM Fest that took place the week of November 9 -13. David shared the link [www.utahstemfest.com](http://www.utahstemfest.com) and asked everyone to share the link with friends & family and commented that it will be opened for a while to explore. David stated that there were 5,000 total visits, 70,000 pages within the website were visited, along with statistics of who visited and locations that visits were

from. David stated that we had a newspaper insert that went out in papers and showed the magazine that will be going out to many parts of the state.

Allison gave updates on the Foundation funding and spending. Allison highlighted Boeing and Mark Ripke for their donation to fund the "To Learn" Kits. Mark Ripke commented on the STEM kits and STEM signing day. Allison commented on the STEM Foundation helping to get funding for WiFi access to areas with no access to WiFi. Allison asked everyone to use a link: [smile.amazon.com/ch/81-3451795](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-3451795) when making Amazon purchases so that the proceeds would go back to the STEM Action Center.

Tami Goetz gave an overview of grants that the STEM Action Center is applying for and their status. Tami commented that she would send out communication documents to the board members.

**IV. Meeting Adjourned at 4:03 pm.**