

### STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022 • 2:00 PM

In Person and Zoom Meeting

<b>STEM AC Board Members Present:</b>	Vance Checketts, Brittney Cummins, Sydnee Dickson, Mark Sunday, Scott Hansen, Andrea Ibanez, Nate McDonald, Jill Love, Jamie Morningstar, and Chiao-ih Hui
<b>STEM AC Board Members Absent:</b>	Mark Ripke, and Sarah Lehman
<b>Staff:</b>	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Becca Robison, Lynn Reichert, Julienne Bailey, Allison Spencer, Kellie Yates, Clarence Ames, Gina Muhlestein, Shelby Averett, Viena Zeitler, and Emmett Speed
<b>Visitors:</b>	Dr. Jeremy Babendure, Kelly Green (COO), CSO Nikhil, CSO Sarah, CSO Sreepadha, CSO Samyukta, CSO Sahiba, CSO Aldo, and CSO Prisha

#### I. Welcome and Related Business

- a. Vance Checketts called the meeting to order. Vance Checketts requested approval of minutes from December 8, 2021. Mark Sunday motioned to approve the minutes, Jill Love seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- b. Welcome to new STEM AC team members:
  - Viena Zeitler (Office Manager)
  - Emmett Speed (AmeriCorps Grant Coordinator)
  - Jana Alexander (AmeriCorps Grant Coordinator)
- c. Board Member STEM share out. Jamie Morningstar shared that Qualtrics hosted the Tech Moms recent graduation and demo of their website. Andrea Ibanez discussed STEM access, brainstorming for first ever STEM week. Vance Checketts shared the bill that introduced the new state bird of prey, the Golden Eagle, during the latest legislative session – birds of prey are an indicator of the health of the ecosystem. Kellie Yates let the Board know that the April is Citizen Science month.
- d. Budget overview given by Sue Redington. STEM Action Center operational budget (6910) is currently in line with expenses for personnel, rent, competition classroom grants, and team competition support for ISEF in Atlanta. There has been no out-of-state travel but that should ramp up again in June. Revenue in the unrestricted operational funds in the budget are committed to projects and contracts. A question was raised by Sydnee Dickson regarding on-going rental rates for the space – Sue Redington clarified that we have a multi-year rental contract. DTS budget was discussed as well and Sue Redington clarified streamlining this line item in past budgets so that there were significant savings. **It was requested by the Board that the budget be sent out with the agenda for upcoming meetings and an overview be sent to the Board with YTD and variances.** The math budget (6920) payouts come in three-parts to

ensure that the contracts have to meet our requirements prior to second and final payments. Sue Redington holds out 5% to ensure that the needs of our teachers and students are being met. Professional Learning (6930) still has 25% of payments held for annual reporting documents before being sent out. Computing Partnership Initiative budget (6940) is in-line with expectations for the rest of the fiscal year.

## **II. Presentations and Board Discussion “Celebrating Partnerships”**

### **a. Utah Week of STEM Discussion**

Tami Goetz shared information and requested input about Utah’s Week of STEM. The first Week of STEM will be November 2022 and Governor Cox would like to announce private/public partnerships and how Week of STEM will engage with his 500-Day Roadmap regarding equality and opportunity. STEM Day is November 8, 2022. Discussion regarding theme, logistics of the Week of STEM due to Veteran’s Day, social media “take-overs,” and targeted private/public partnership announcements. Discussion followed. Tami Goetz will continue to work with folks on creating a planning committee and with the Governor’s Office on Governor Cox’s preferences.

### **b. Chief Science Officer Presentation**

Dr. Jeremy Babendure of SciTech introduced the CSO program, a student-lead program, that fits nicely into STEM Action Center’s mission and in which private/public partnership are critical to CSO Action Plans. Kelly Green, Chief Operations Officer, introduced several CSOs from around the country that joined the meeting and shared their CSO Action Plans and what they have learned from being a part of the program, including CSO Nikhil who gave an overview presentation on the CSO Program. The Board will talk more about supporting the CSO Program and bringing it to Utah. Tami Goetz mentioned a grant from Boeing that was recently submitted for this program. Kellie Yates suggested interweaving the secondary STEM School Designation program and the CSO Program to utilize and capitalize on the network already in process. **Kelly Green requested a recording of the CSO portion of the Board meeting for her files. Tami Goetz will send out the CSO Program annual report to the Board.** Discussion followed.

### **c. Utah STEM Foundation Updates**

Allison Spencer, due to time constraints, briefly shared STEM Foundation updates, including having the CSO Program present to the Foundation at an upcoming meeting. Allison Spencer announced that the Foundation has donated \$30K for micro STEM Fest kits, and that the Foundation approved funding for twenty (20) FLL and FTC teams state-wide.

### **d. Other business, updates from STEM AC**

Due to time constraints, this item was be pushed to the next meeting.

## **III. Meeting Adjourned at 4:01 pm.**