

STEM Action Center Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022 • 2:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:	Vance Checketts, Jill Love, Chiao-ih Hui, Brittney Cummins, Jamie Morningstar, Nate McDonald, Scott Hansen, Sydnee Dickson
Members Absent:	Mark Sunday, Sarah Lehman, Andrea Ibanez, Mark Ripke
Staff:	Tami Goetz, Sue Redington, Shelby Averett, Becca Robison, Lynn Reichert, Julienne Bailey, Allison Spencer, Kellie Yates, Emmett Speed, Jana Alexander, Gina Muhlestein, Viena Zeitler
Visitors:	

I. Welcome and Related Business

Vance Checketts called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

- a. Approve August STEM AC meeting minutes – There was a motion, a second, and the Board unanimously approved of the meeting minutes from the August 31, 2022 meeting.
(Morningstar/Hui)
- b. Board Member STEM share out (10 minutes) Vance Checketts
Nate McDonald reported that they took a group to STEM Fest and was impressed by the conference.
- c. Budget overview (5 minutes) Sue Redington
Redington gave the Board a report on first quarter spending which is lower due to awards being done during the second quarter of this fiscal year. Currently reviewing grant applications and will start sending grant awards in the next month. Kellie Yates gave a report on the Classroom Grant applications, which are back to pre-pandemic levels of participation.

II. Board Discussion

- a. Week of STEM (40 minutes) Tami Goetz
Goetz announced the Governor’s Proclamation of the official Week of STEM on November 7 at 10am, focusing on Equity/Opportunity, Public/Private Partnerships, and Cross-sector Industry Engagement opportunities. Shelby Averett gave a presentation on the social media involvement for the Week of STEM as well as the agenda for this inaugural Week of STEM, agenda attached to minutes. Goetz went into further detail regarding the agenda highlights and partnerships, with a reminder that these projects are scalable, manageable, and sustainable long past Week of STEM.
- b. STEM Volunteer Program (15 minutes) Gina Muhlestein
Muhlestein presented to the Board the new volunteer program piloted this year in the first quarter. The new software through Get Connected helps track data regarding volunteering, provide very specific opportunities through the volunteer portal, and recruit students for our STEM Activist program. Muhlestein answered questions posed by the Board members regarding where the website is posted and several members responded with wanted to promote on their websites and through their own social media posts.
- c. STEM Fest update (5 minutes) Shelby Averett
Averett reported on the stats of STEM Fest for the Board.
- d. STEM Foundation (10 minutes) Allison Spencer

Spencer highlighted the pre-pandemic goals that are still very key. Partnerships, grant of \$200K, Miller Family Foundation, Nomi Health (check recording)

e. Other (5 minutes)

Meeting Adjourned at 3:29 pm Vance Checketts

Checketts asked about the next meeting as nothing is currently on the schedule. This will be handled offline. Due to time limitations, Checketts adjourned the meeting at 3:29pm

Week of STEM Agenda

Monday:

Governor's Week of STEM proclamation at STEM Action Center, Live video
Programs highlighted: Robotics, Club Ability, Tech Moms in Color + supporting partners
Supporting partner highlight
"We are STEM" child highlight video
STEM resources for the public (MILO + Friends, STEM Spot, library resources, etc.)

Tuesday:

Program highlight: Chief Science Officer - Governor recorded video announcement, + supporting partners
Supporting partner highlight
"We are STEM" child highlight video
STEM resource for the public

Wednesday:

Program highlight: Micro STEM Fest, Live video
Supporting partner highlight
"We are STEM" child highlight video
STEM resource for the public

Thursday:

Program highlight: Hydroponics - Governor recorded video announcement, + supporting partners
Supporting partner highlight
"We are STEM" child highlight video
STEM resource for the public