

MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting
August 11, 2021, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Council Members Present:

Kerry Ebersole, Chair, East Lansing
Daniel Williams, Vice Chair, Grand Rapids
Gail Alpert, West Bloomfield
Mary Bacon, Mecosta County
Delsa Chapman, Lansing

Jacqueline Huntoon, Houghton
Nick Andary on behalf of Senator Dayna
Polehanki, MI
Christian Velasquez, Midland
Adam Zemke, Ann Arbor

Council Members Absent:

Vacant Position
Lee Graham
Representative Padma Kuppa

Representative Brad Paquette
Wendy Winston
Senator Dale Zorn

Staff Present:

Megan Schrauben
Amanda Stoel
Kathy Surd

Natalie Lowell
Larry Wyn

MiSTEM Regional Staff Present:

Claire Bunker, Region 10
Mike Gallagher, Region 5
Emily Gochis, Region 16
Scott Heister, Region 2
Greg Johnson, Region 3
Sarah Keenan-Lechel, Region 6
Diane Miller, Region 8
Diane Owen-Rogers, Region 1

Kris Pachla, Region 8
Laura Percival, Region 12
Ginger Rohwer, Region 8
Chris Standerford, Region 15
Kevin St. Onge, Region 14
Lory Thayer, Region 7
Lisa Winger, Region 9

Guests Present:

Monica Chrzaszcz
Dena Duignan
Ruth Anne Hodges
Lisa Marckini-Polk

Jeff McNeal
Michelle Ntoko
Michele Randolph
Cody Williams

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Kerry Ebersole.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA OF THE MEETING – Kerry Ebersole, Chair

Ms. Ebersole welcomed Council members and asked Dr. Delsa Chapman, MDE appointee to introduce herself. A draft of the June 9, 2021 minutes and agenda was provided prior to meeting. No changes were requested. MOTION was made by Adam Zemke to approve the consent agenda. Motion SECONDED by Jacqueline Huntoon. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

COUNCIL BUSINESS, PRESENTATION OF REVISED COUNCIL GRANT PROCESS – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, Diane Owen-Rogers, MiSTEM, Kris Pachla, MiSTEM

A pre-recorded presentation was reviewed by the Council describing the reflective path leading to a proposed revision of the Council grant process. Ms. Schrauben shared the rationale and revision history of the Council grant process as an overview from the recording. She described the importance of aligning the grant work with the MiSTEM logic model. Dr. Owen-Rogers and Dr. Pachla facilitated Council questions and recommendations for moving the effort forward. The focus is on using the grant program to align STEM actors in our state to develop common efforts, capacity, and share in the state vision around three areas of STEM: computer science, science and engineering, and mathematics. The Council requested that the Network bring back to the October meeting a proposal for the fiscal arrangement and distribution of funds while emphasizing the need to ensure access isn't lost during efforts to streamline processes. MOTION was made by Adam Zemke to advance the new workgroup proposal. Motion SECONDED by Daniel Williams. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

COUNCIL BUSINESS, ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW – Kerry Ebersole, Chair

Prior to the meeting the draft annual report of the Council was shared. Ms. Ebersole asked for any feedback on the report or comments. Dr. Huntoon requested that all programming contributing to the COVID response be reported. The importance of the one-pager overviews in the appendices was discussed for use in communications. Further discussion led by Ms. Ebersole focused on policy recommendations with considerations for the budget cycle and the ESSER/ARP funds available, alignment to our state strategy, and opportunities provided so far. Dr. Chapman offered to bring a MDE summary of data for STEM education for the October meeting. A MOTION was made by Dr. Huntoon to approve the report once the final adjustments have been made. Motion SECONDED by Dr. Chapman. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE UPDATES – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, Cody Williams, SAMPI, Amanda Stoel, MDE

The metrics/data committee update included the evolution of the committee and coordination of the primary evaluator teams to address the new metrics framework as part of a comprehensive evaluation plan. The strategic partnerships committee recently held an extended working session to develop the overall responsibilities, objectives, and outcomes for the work.

CLOSING ITEMS – Kerry Ebersole, Chair, Megan Schrauben, Executive Director

Ms. Ebersole thanked everyone for their work in preparing and reviewing the items for the meeting. Meeting dates for the 2022 year have been set and calendar holds have been sent. Ms. Schrauben reminded the Council to submit their feedback on the meeting reflection survey by the following Wednesday.

There being no further business or comments, a MOTION was made by Chris Velasquez to adjourn and Jackie Huntoon SECONDED. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Drafted 08/19/21 by M. Schrauben