

MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting
June 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Virtual, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Council Members Present:

Michelle Richard, Chair
Daniel Williams, Vice Chair
Sheila Alles
Gail Alpert
Mary Bacon
Lee Graham

Jacqueline Huntoon
Tonya Matthews
Dan Centers for Senator Dayna Polehanki
Chris Velasquez
Wendy Winston
Adam Zemke

Council Members Absent:

Representative Padma Kupp
Representative Brad Paquette

Senator Dale Zorn

Staff Present:

Megan Schrauben
Natalie Lowell
Amanda Stoel

Kathy Surd
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
Mike Klein, Region 4
Diane Miller, Region 8
Leyna Miller, Region 7
Mark Muzzin, Region 4

Diane Owen-Rogers, Region 1
Laura Percival, Region 12
Ginger Rohwer, Region 8
Kevin St. Onge, Region 14
Chris Standerford, Region 15
Lory Thayer, Region 7
Andrea Weiner, Region 13
Lisa Winingers, Region
Kristen Zagorski, Region 11

Guests Present:

Andrew Beardslee
Jennifer Bowman
Jill Griffin
Ruth Anne Hodges

Jill Holden
Michelle Ntoko
Tamara Smolek
Cody Williams

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Michelle Richard.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Richard welcomed council members and gave an overview of the Agenda. Members shared their goals for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2020 MEETING – Michelle Richard, Chair

A draft of the minutes was provided prior to meeting. No changes were requested. MOTION was made by Chris Velasquez to approve the minutes. Motion SECONDED by Sheila Alles. Motion was put to a roll call vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2020 MEETING AGENDA – Michelle Richard, Chair

The proposed Agenda was provided prior to meeting. No edits were requested. Chair Richard inquired as to any guests that would like to add public comment to ensure time will be allowed on the proposed Agenda. There were no requests for public comment.

MI-STEM PRESENTATION – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, MI-STEM Council

To prepare for the coming fiscal year, annual priorities and a draft mission, vision, and succinct description of the work of MiSTEM were provided. The Network has been in place for nearly 20 months and has focused on building an infrastructure and growing partnerships beyond the education industry. A communications plan and messaging about who and the work of MiSTEM is the next step in development. Members were asked to share their reflections about the draft items by describing what excites them, where the opportunities are, and if there are any items missing. Members are to share any additional reflections with Megan by the end of July to be incorporated in the annual recommendation report for the August meeting. Proposed annual recommendations are: 1.) Strengthen the Network, 2.) Contribute to the COVID-19 Response, and 3.) Lead a Statewide Computer Science Strategy.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion was centered around support for and approval of the external messaging items and priority focus areas brought forward for implementation of the statewide strategy. Specific areas to continue to clarify included:

- How might we use STEM as a tool for social justice?
- How might we move beyond “access” in STEM?
- How might we ensure that every solution is student centered?

The Council expects a detailed report for approval in August that clarifies the fiscal year priorities. Further questions and discussion ensued about the plans for support from MDE and the Governor for reopening schools this fall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No remarks

CLOSING REMARKS were provided by Vice-Chair Daniel Williams and Megan Schrauben. Dates will be held on calendars and plans will be forthcoming. Megan will reach out to members during development as new information comes in.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Drafted 06/15/20 by A. Stoel and M. Schrauben