

MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting
October 13, 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
Delsa Chapman, Lansing
Jacqueline Huntoon, Houghton
Ashley Schoeninger on behalf of
Representative Kuppa, Lansing

Daniel Centers on behalf of Senator Dayna
Polehanki, Lansing
Christian Velasquez, Midland
Wendy Winston, Kent County
Adam Zemke, Ann Arbor

Council Members Absent:

2 Vacant Positions
Lee Graham

Representative Brad Paquette
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
Mike Klein, Region 4
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
Drea Weiner, Region 13
Lisa Winger, Region 9
Kristen Zagorski, Region 11

Guests Present:

Debb Brunell
Kelly Cipponeri
Ruth Anne Hodges
Jill Holden
Jeff McNeal

Michelle Ntoko
Jim Rautiola
Courtney Ryan
Cody Williams
Matthew Williams

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Kerry Ebersole.

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

Ms. Ebersole welcomed Council members and proceeded with roll call. A draft of the August 11, 2021 minutes and agenda was provided prior to meeting. No changes were requested. MOTION was made by Daniel Williams to approve the consent agenda. Motion SECONDED by Chris Velasquez. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Williams from Microsoft TEALS requested public comment and shared their opportunities available for computer science with an application opening on October 18.

COUNCIL BUSINESS, PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL GRANT FISCAL RECOMMENDATION – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, Diane Owen-Rogers, MiSTEM

The Fab Lab portion of Section 99s(4) of the Advisory Council grant program is currently under review and will be addressed at a later date. A written proposal for the fiscal arrangement and distribution of funds for the remaining Council grant program was reviewed by the Council ahead of the meeting. Dr. Owen-Rogers reviewed the Council grant reflection process to date and answered questions by Council members on the proposal and history of the grant program. Chair Ebersole facilitated dialogue between Council members focused on efficiency in the process, oversight of three action areas, potential delays in release of funds, encouragement of consortium applications, and expectations for grant recipients aligned with the policy language. MOTION was made by Adam Zemke to run a competitive grant process with MDE to select three fiscals, one for each action area. Motion SECONDED by Chris Velasquez. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED. To keep the application process moving forward, Adam Zemke made a MOTION that the Council repurpose their grant subcommittee in an advisory capacity with MDE to create the application and allocations per action area. Motion SECONDED by Delsa 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 coordination with CEPI to develop the MiSTEM regions as reportable units in MiSchoolData and the implementation of teacher credential and student outcome metrics later this fall. The strategic partnerships committee shared a timeline for development and implementation of efforts underway with priority given to a STEM stakeholder database, a comprehensive liaison program, and an event protocol.

STEM SHOWCASE – UPPER PENINSULA CEAC AND MiSTEM – Debb Brunell, UP MiWorks!, Emily Gochis, Chris Standerford, Kevin St. Onge, MiSTEM Network

MiSTEM regions are to coordinate with the CEAC(s) in their region in writing their strategic plans. The UP CEAC includes three MiSTEM regions and is working systematically to facilitate connections between the education system and business community to grow awareness, exploration, and hands-on training opportunities for local, in-demand careers. Their strategy is driven by a common understanding and usage of data across the region which has culminated in many joint funding and implementation efforts.

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. Ms. Schrauben will connect with MDE and subcommittee members to revise the Council grant. Survey results indicate that Council and Network members are interested in joint opportunities. Optional calendar dates will be modified for February and June to allow for additional connection points ahead of Council meetings. The national STEM Ecosystems conference is hosted by Michigan in Bay City this June. The conference committee is looking for opportunities to bring state ecosystems together for joint learning. Ms. Schrauben will collect conference registration information by October 27th from Council members.

There being no further business or comments, a MOTION was made by Chris Velasquez to adjourn and Daniel Williams SECONDED. Motion was put to a vote of the Council members. All were in favor. No objections. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Drafted 10/15/21 by M. Schrauben