

MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting
August 19, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.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
Representative Padma Kuppa
Tonya Matthews
Dan Centers for Senator Dayna Polehanki
Chris Velasquez
Adam Zemke

Council Members Absent:

Wendy Winston
Representative Brad Paquette

Senator Dale Zorn

Staff Present:

Megan Schrauben

Kathy Surd

MiSTEM Regional Staff Present:

Claire Bunker, Region 10
Mike Gallagher, Region 5
Scott Heister, Region 2
Greg Johnson, Region 3
Sarah Keenan-Lechel, Region 6
Mike Klein, Region 4
Diane Miller, Region 8
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 Wininger, Region 9

Guests Present:

Jennifer Bowman
Tiana Clemons

Ruth Anne Hodges
Michelle Ntoko

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Richard welcomed council members and gave an overview of the Agenda.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 19, 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 REFLECTIONS AND UPDATES – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, MI-STEM

The Network has begun to implement the priorities that were recommended in June and has structured their summer work together to learn more about these areas of support. A primary focus has been to shift Council grant programs to better respond to educator requests to design curriculum for the various learning scenarios in the coming year.

Two summary one-page reports were also shared and discussed with members as additions to the annual report. These one-page documents provided an overview of the impact the Network had made across the statewide strategy and the distribution of funds for the Council grant program. These should be used to communicate the work of MiSTEM. Requests for student testimonials and more stories of the quality work that is happening in our state should be added into the annual report and future publications.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Members received the annual report ahead of time and final edits will be incorporated. The annual report and additional appendices meet the legislative requirements of fiscal year 2019-2020. Now is the time to work towards strategy and priorities to focus the energy and efforts of MiSTEM. Dialogue ensued around how the Council can get involved to lift and accelerate the work. Overall focus was on the technology disparities laid bare by COVID. Flexibility must be present in our grant programs to allow for deliberate innovation with our partners—specifically with a focus on digital literacy and how to use digital platforms effectively for teaching and learning in a project-, problem-, and place-based approach. Members were urged to continue to think about how they could use their expertise and resources to help execute these ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No remarks

CLOSING REMARKS were provided by Chair Michelle Richard. Reports will be finalized, common communication messages will be developed, and a potential September meeting will be added as budgets become clear. Megan will reach out to members to hold dates as new information comes in.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.