



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Noon to 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present

Sue Burrack Waldorf University	X	Gena Gesing Northeast Iowa Community College		Vacant	
Lisa Chizek Iowa State University		Seth Harms West Delaware High School	X	Vacant	
Kendra Crooks Extension and Outreach	X	Doreen Hayek (Chair) University of Northern Iowa	X	Allison Plunkett (Vice-Chair) John Deere	X
Larry Escalada University of Northern Iowa		Vacant		Vacant	
Heather Fransen RSM, LLP		Marla Loecke IowaWORKS	X	Anderson Sainci City of Dubuque	X

X – Present

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke, Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub and Carrie Rankin from the Iowa STEM Council.

Meeting Summary

Doreen called the board meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Carrie Rankin provided a presentation on the STEM Council's teacher externship program. She noted, there will be a webinar tomorrow for organizations interested in hosting a teacher.

Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Doreen noted, the mega board meeting will be on February 8 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM after STEM Day at the Capitol. Both events will occur in Des Moines.

Communications Working Group Report

Marla provided an update from the groups December meeting.

STEM Council Youth Advisory Committee

The group is working on social media.

STEM Council Equity Committee

Anderson noted, the committee is exploring the possibility of providing NAPE training for educators throughout the state.

Budget/Expenditures

As of December 31, 2022, the fiscal year 2023 year-to-date expenditures for the Northeast STEM Hub are approximately \$655,500 (approximately 65% of the overall budget).

Semi-Annual Report

Beneke provided highlights on the Northeast STEM Hub 2022-23 semi-annual report. The report will be submitted to the STEM Council on February 1.

Scale-Up Programming

All of the initial training for the FY23 Scale-Up programs is complete.

The 2023-24 Scale-Up educator application opened January 9 and closes February 28. The marketing plan for Scale-Up promotion was presented and discussed.

Scale-Up Timeline:

- January 9 – Application opened
- February 28 – Deadline for an educator to apply for a Scale-Up program.
- **March 3 – 23 Advisory Board reviews applications.**
- March 27 - Board meeting to discuss applications and recommend awards.
- April 7 – Awards are announced to educators.

STEM BEST +HD

The STEM BEST + HD application closed December 14. The STEM Council received five applications from the Northeast Iowa STEM region. Four of the five applications will be awarded. Awardees in the Northeast include;

- Dubuque Hempstead High School (Dubuque Community Schools)
- Waterloo Career Center (Waterloo Community Schools)
- Wahlert High School (Holy Family Catholic Schools)
- Waukon Middle School (Allamakee Community School District)

Program implementation will occur February 2023 through June 2024.

IOWA STEM Teacher Award

The IOWA STEM Teacher Award, for the Northeast Iowa STEM Region, will be presented to a teacher in Dubuque on February 27. Board members are welcome to join the award presentation.

STEM Festivals

The Northeast Iowa STEM Hub is planning to host two STEM festivals in the Spring;

- Tuesday, March 21 – Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival will be held at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls 4PM to 7PM.
- Thursday, April 20 – Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival will be held at Clarke University from 4PM to 7PM.

Updates from the Iowa STEM Council

Carrie noted the dates for STEM Day at the Capitol, Mega Board meeting and externship webinars. Carrie also mentioned the next Advisory Council meeting will be April 20 in Des Moines. Carrie provided an update on the STEM Council's transition from the Board of Regents/University of Northern Iowa to the Iowa Department of Education.

Updates from Board Members

No updates from the Board

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
STEM Day at the Capitol	February 8	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Des Moines
Mega Board Meeting	February 8	1:30 PM to 3:30 PM	Des Moines
Scale-Up Application Closes	February 28	11:59 PM	Virtual
Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival	March 21	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	UNI Dome, Cedar Falls
Dubuque Area Family STEM Festival	April 20	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Clarke University, Dubuque

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27 from 10:00 AM to Noon in Cedar Falls/Waterloo. Location to be determined.