

June 5, 2023

Members Present: Mauree Haage, Jared Brown, Sara Nelson, Melinda McGregor, Maria Morales, LuAnn Scholbrock, Allyson Krull, Kay Schamalen, Mike Pedersen, Anne Tedore, Dave Zrostlik, Matt Stephan, Yen Verhoeven

Minutes:

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Time was taken for everyone to introduce themselves to the new board members and to learn about the newest members
- Statewide Updates
 - Realignment is ongoing and will be even beyond July 1
 - This realignment will not impact our programs
 - STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair is going to be August 20 and there are volunteer opportunities within
- Regional Updates and Discussion
 - Review of FY23
 - We saw record year of Scale Up applicants and increase in summer teacher externs as well as four new BEST models
 - Administrators are increasingly utilizing Mauree to speak with educators during PD days to speak about the programs we have to offer
 - The checkout library is back up and running and is slowly getting more usage
 - Teacher turnover and reassignments continue to be a challenge for sustaining high quality STEM programs
 - Goals for FY24
 - Increase reaching out to after school programs/homeschool/libraries
 - Create a STEM Night Kit
 - Workshop to go along and introduce this
 - Take a deeper look/dive into diversity and needs in region
 - Take a look at sustaining Scale-Ups and what supports we can help with
 - Bank of programs/mentors
 - Create a stakeholder kit that board members/advocates can have access to and take/share with others
 - Continue to increase business/economic development/chambers/rotary/etc visits
 - Survey those who still have not utilized any STEM programs from us and see why they haven't and if they are utilizing something else
- Important Dates
 - June 5 - Ericson Library STEM event (4-7 PM)
 - June 8 - STEM + Arts in Clear Lake (4-8 PM)
 - August 20 - STEM Day at the ISF