

November 10, 2023

Members Present: Mauree Haage, Mike Pedersen, David Zrostlik, Jared Brown, Yen Verhoeven, Melinda McGregor, Kidron Knox, Carrie Rankin (Central Ops Representative)

Minutes:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Statewide Updates
 - STEM Teacher Award
 - Applications are due soon. This year we had the 2nd highest number of nominations.
 - Several nominees from North Central Region
 - Reviewers are ready to begin the review process in the next week
 - STEM BEST
 - Applications are open and closes on December 13
 - Design days have been going well and have been recorded for those who want to view them but were unable to attend the live zoom sessions
 - Other updates
 - Scale-Up menu has been selected and will be announced soon. Good representation of many different areas of STEM.
 - State STEM Advisory Council meeting is November 13 in Des Moines
- Regional Announcements and Updates
 - Recent festivals/upcoming festivals
 - CS Ed Week (December 4-10)
 - Statewide resources, webinars on careers in AI and career pathways, and a virtual family coding night
 - www.iowastem.org/csedweek
 - Share out on social media or word of mouth
- Working Groups
 - Stakeholder resources
 - Goal: Create a resource/set of resources for disbursement to different stakeholders (educators, admin, industry)
 - Task: Identify action items, needed information
 - STEM Festival resources
 - Goal: Create a resource for schools needing help creating a STEM event or wanting to expand what they currently do
 - Task: Identify action items, needed information
 - Regional Needs (i.e. barriers, diversity, sustainability)
 - Goal: Identify needs and barriers of those in our region to better prepare us for STEM conversations and marketing of programs
 - Task: Identify action items, needed information

- Important Dates
 - December 4-10 - CS Education Week
 - January 5 - NC STEM Advisory Board meeting (virtual)
 - April 1 - STEM Summit
 - April 17 - STEM Festival in Mason City from 4-7 PM
- Meeting Adjourned