

NC STEM REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - VIRTUAL

September 18, 2020

Present: Ashley Flatebo, Sara Nelson, Michael Pedersen, Kathy Rogotzke, Sarah Rosenblum, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Kay Schmalen, Matthew Stephan, Michael Young, David Zrostlik

Absent: Jerry Chizek, Lindsey Falk, Kristle Percy, Kerry Weig, Nancy Woods

NC STEM Staff: Kelly Bergman

STEM Council Team: Sarah Derry, Tanya Hunt

Members shared a key relationship that influenced their career path and/or decision to work in Iowa/STEM and filled out a Jam board. Recognized importance of family members and need to connect with students in absence of family member influence.

STEM BEST update provided by Tanya Hunt.

Concerns shared around the amount of work involved in nominating and applying for the IOWA STEM Teacher Award. Request made that applicants from previous years can use material from application for new nominations.

Sarah R. offered help around working with small libraries and STEM Checkout materials.

Board would like to expand the La Luz STEM Bag model to other communities.

Checkout STEM: Target those libraries that are small and have few resources. Also, branch out to school libraries at some point.

Ideas around connecting with other networks:

- Iowa Lego League Couch Coffee
- Economic developer groups
- Topical virtual meetups
- Connect with who already has a good audience

Events shared from members:

-Astro Camp through a partnership with NASA and Extension/4-H, will occur across the state