NC STEM REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
March 21, 2017

**Present:** David Barajas, John Bonner, Doug Jacobson, Ben Petty, Richard Ritter, Corey Rogers, Sarah Rosenblum, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Rich Wrage

**Online:** Hunter Callanan

**Absent:** Jose Amaya, Emily Banks, Kathy Rogotzke, Jan Westrum

**Guest:** Carrie Rankin, Assistant Director of Development, Kristine Bullock, SE STEM Manager

**NC STEM Staff:** Paul Gibbins, Carol Tierney

Paul introduced Kristine Bullock, Southeast STEM Manager to the board.

**Hub Update – Manager Report**
- Paul is confident that are very few organizations that have not had some type of contact regarding Scale-Up application.
- Financials – Adjustments have been made to the original budget lines for STEM Hub manager and Support Staff totals due to fringe benefit changes. We have received a portion of the private funds in the $19,507. This will be the only request that we have for the donor funds from UNI.
- STEM Advisory Board Mega-meeting April 10 – There will be roundtables, network opportunities and hands on activities. Please respond to the Survey Monkey whether or not you will be joining the event. Paul will be in contact with you if you have not responded.
- Fast-Track Iowa’s Future, June 21 – will engage stakeholders on how to grow and improve school-business partnerships in STEM. To register for the event.

**Communications Committee – Rich**

The group is working on developing materials to promote the STEM initiative. Top priority is to come up with a short paragraph to explain what we do and why. A business card is being made for committee members use when attending events. An awareness kit will be available in each STEM region that contains resources for board members to represent the STEM Hub at events.

**Governor’s STEM Advisory Council Update – Carrie Rankin**

Pre-Apprenticeship model The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a $1.8 million ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion grant to Iowa to grow the Registered Apprenticeship system in Iowa as a solution for employers seeking to build a qualified workforce. The grant partners, including U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Apprenticeship, Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Economic Development Authority, Iowa Department of Corrections, Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Association of Business and Industry and the STEM Council, proposed a Quality Pre-Apprenticeship model within this grant to help secondary students meet the basic qualifications for entry into a Registered Apprenticeship Program in the state. The STEM Council will lead this portion of the grant, using $200,000 to kick-start Quality Pre-Apprenticeship Programs focused on high-demand, STEM-related occupations in partnership with these four STEM BEST partners selected for their in-depth proposals: – Boone, Muscatine, Spencer and Waukee.

There is no indication of any budget changes for next year due to the state budget cuts.
Regional Scale-Up Review

2016-17 North Central STEM Advisory Board Meetings – all meetings will be held in the Extension 4-H Building, Room 1020 unless noted they are via conference call.
May 16 (virtual), 9:30 am
June 22, 11:30 am
August 17, 9:30 am

Calendar Updates
- March 24-25 FRC Regional, UNI
- April 1, 10 AM to Noon, Spotlight on STEM Festival, Forest City
- April 3, STEM Scale-Up Awardees announced
- April 10 – Mega-Board Meeting, DMACC, Ankeny
- April 21-22, IT Olympics, Hilton Coliseum, Ames
- June 21, Iowa STEM Summit