Online: John Bonner, Hunter Callanan, Doug Jacobson, Corey Rogers, Kathy Rogotzke, Rich Wragge

Absent: Jose Amaya, Emily Banks, David Barajas, Ben Petty, Richard Ritter, Sarah Rosenblum, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Jan Westrum

Guest: Carrie Rankin

NC STEM Staff: Paul Gibbins, Carol Tierney

Hub Update – Manager Report
- Paul’s presentation has yielded a lot of interest with the libraries and are using a large portion of our STEM kits.
- Financials – We did receive the additional $19,507 of our donor allocation to use for the Iowa Science Center award. Paul will send out the April financial report with the minutes.
- Rich – Awareness kits are now available in each STEM Hub for board members to check out.
- 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.

Governor’s STEM Advisory Council Update – Carrie Rankin
Reminder Fast Track Iowa’s Future Conference on June 21. There is a draft agenda on the website for your reference. Would like to encourage teams of teachers/business partners to attend. There will be a “STEM Ed Chat” reception the evening prior from 6-8:00 pm.
There are spots available for educators to attend the STEM Palooza. It will be held at the Waukee Innovations Center on July 17-21.

Paul met last week with John Lawrence, Interim Vice President for Extension and Outreach, who will be Paul’s supervisor. John would like to attend the “STEM Ed Chat” reception.

STEM Best RFP is going to be released later this month. It will be open to new and existing participants.
Schools in the NC STEM region that are considering to apply are Webster City, Marshalltown and Fort Dodge.

Innovation Fund Update
Mini grant program Beta test SE – Application, contract and A lot of work that needs to be done locally. The decision was made that if the regions would like to do this they can but it is up to the region to raise the funds and manage the program. Paul will ask Christine to attend our August meeting to answer any questions you may have about the process.

STEM Mega-Meeting April 10
The notes from the mega-meeting were included in the email. The challenge is to take the information and do something with it. We will review the notes at our August meeting.

STEM Board Awareness kit – what type of information is needed for you to go out and promote Iowa STEM?
- How we can get involved?
• What is offered?
• STEM careers/jobs
• STEM progress data
• Chamber exec do have state-wide calls and also smaller groups meeting regularly. Could be possible to make get/make contacts.
• STEM headquarters is a member of PDI (Professional Developers of Iowa) and another way to get contacts. Paul will share the documents included in the kit with the board for future discussion.

Calendar Updates
June 20, STEM Ed Chat Reception, 6 to 8 PM, Iowa Events Center
June 21, Fast Track Summit, Iowa Events Center, Registration
June 22, 11:30, North Central STEM Advisory Board Meeting, End-of-Year Luncheon, Iowa Stater Restaurant, Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, 2100 Green Hills Dr, Ames, IA 50014
July 17-21, Iowa STEM PD-Palooza
August 2-4, Ames, PowerTeaching Math scale-up training
August 9 (tentative), Fort Dodge, Making STEM Connections scale-up training
August 15, 9:30 to Noon, North Central Regional STEM Advisory Board Meeting, Ames
August 20, STEM Day @ Iowa State Fair, volunteer here to help
September 11, Mason City, Making STEM Connections scale-up training
September 16, WiSE STEM Fest, ISU Campus
October 21, Kidzmania