March 7, 2023

Members Present: Mauree Haage, Yen Verhoeven, Allyson Krull, and Jeff Weld (central ops)

Minutes:

● Welcome and Tour of BCLUW Middle School STEM Class and ACES Class
● Statewide Updates - Jeff Weld
  ○ Jeff shared that we had a record number of applicants for Scale-Up grants
  ○ He also shared the progress of the reorganization which will place the STEM Council within the Department of Education
● Regional Updates and Discussion
  ○ STEM Festivals
    ■ Alden STEAM Night - Over 100 participants and approximately 15 organizations helped put this on.
    ■ Fellows Elementary Science Night - Very well attended with dozens of organizations helping to put this on
  ○ Upcoming festivals
    ● Osage STEAM Festival
      ○ March 23rd from 5:15-8:00 PM
      ○ Still looking for exhibitors and volunteers to help as I will not be available to help with this festival
    ● Boone Family STEM Festival
      ○ April 1st from 9 AM - Noon
      ○ DMACC - Boone Campus
      ○ Still looking for exhibitors and volunteers
  ○ NC STEM Teacher Awardee
    ■ Ceremony was Feb 15 at Rock Run Elementary
    ■ Brittany Zimpfer was the awardee and we will be visiting her at our May meeting
  ○ New STEM BEST Models in Region
    ■ Four new models in our region!
    ■ Osage CSD - their model adds onto their previous BEST model by creating a new career pathway for CNA
    ■ Ogden CSD - working with area businesses for students to work on authentic problems and job shadowing
    ■ Fort Dodge CSD - advanced manufacturing and partnering with several local manufacturing businesses
    ■ CAL CSD - one of the few elementary school models. They have the most amazing student run and built farm on the school grounds.
○ Scale-Up Applications and Review
  ■ Successes and celebrations!
    ● We had over double the number of applicants in years past!
    ● Out of our goal of 20 new schools, we were able to get 18!
  ■ Review process
    ● Everyone on the board will help review applications over the next two weeks (deadline of 3/18)
    ● Due to the large volume of applications, this will be about 55-60 applications which should take around 2-3 hours to complete
    ● Each application will be reviewed by three board members
    ● Make sure to start early and let Mauree know of any conflict of interest applications
    ● Help guide for new board members and to help refresh others was sent out last week via email
  ■ Create priority list for awarding
    ● Priority list was generated for awarding Scale-Ups
    ● This will be utilized in our discussion later in the month when finalizing awards
  ■ Finalize date for debrief/discussion of awards
    ● March 20 from noon until 1:00 PM will be our virtual meeting to go over any applications needing further discussion and to finalize the awards
    ● All board members must be at this meeting

● Important Dates
  ○ March 20 - Noon to 1:00 PM Scale-Up Award Discussion
    ■ Everyone needs to attend so we can have awards finalized by the due date
  ○ March 23 - Osage STEAM Festival
  ○ April 1 - Boone Family STEM Festival
  ○ May 11 - Regional Advisory Board Meeting
    ■ 2:10 PM - 4 PM
    ■ Pineview Elementary in Iowa Falls