

## NC STEM REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - VIRTUAL

March 24, 2020

Present: Jerry Chizek, Ashley Flatebo, Doug Jacobson, Sara Nelson, Michael Pedersen, Kathy Rogotzke, Camille Sloan Schroeder, Matthew Stephan, Kerry Weig, Michael Young, David Zrostlik

Absent: Lindsey Falk, Kristle Percy, Sarah Rosenblum, Nancy Woods,

NC STEM Staff: Kelly Bergman

STEM Advisory Operations Team: Carrie Rankin

### **Check-in with Board Members**

Sara Nelson shared the Space Challenge online activities available for parents and put together by the NASA Space Grant Consortium and 4-H.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources>

Kelly welcomed the new Advisory Board Member, Matthew Stephan.

Camille had a concern on the ramifications of COVID-19 on summer professional development.

Carrie shared that the STEM Team is working on this issue as the situation evolves.

### **2020-2021 STEM Scale-Up Program**

Kelly shared the Scale-Up Program Application numbers and estimated award amount.

In discussing applications, a recommendation from the Board is to fund applications even if the number of students impacted is small.

In reference to low scoring applications, there is a concern that low efforts in the application could show lack of effort in administering the program. The Board recommends following up with the applicant around engagement before they are awarded and during the year to ensure implementation.

Remarks were made that the essay questions are very straight-forward and applicants should be able to answer them according to the rubric.

### **Manager Updates**

Board is supportive of funding of STEM Showcase Events/Award Ceremonies using festival funds. Ideas: "STEMmys", signing days for STEM degrees. Kelly will look into the festival policy and follow up.

In reviewing the Megameeting outcomes, Kelly recommends scheduling webinars/time to review talking points and communication tools (slides) on STEM Council programs with Board members.

Camille suggested that STEM funds/mini grants could be made available to support educators virtual STEM-centric PD.

Next meeting will be May 22 at the IowaStater Restaurant.

### **Meeting Adjourn**