



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Location: STEM AC Office and Zoom

Meeting Attendees: Caty, Sarah, Stephanie, Laurie, Nick, Francine, Crispin, Anne-Marie, Haley, Molly, Nate, Morgan, Katie

Call to Order: Laurie called to order at 11:04 am.

Approval of Past Minutes: Anne-Marie moved to approve, Laurie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reiterate Mission: Laurie reiterated the mission statement.

Treasurer's Report: Molly shared a brief update. In November there were no donations received; in December, \$2700 came in through the end of year giving campaign. One donation from David and Karen Kapral contained the majority of those donations. All December donations were categorized as unrestricted. The total income YTD is \$30,266. Molly praised Sarah's work in donor development.

Bylaws & Policies Review:

Director Update: Caty shared that the STEM AC had made great progress in reorganization. She introduced Morgan Howard, the new Financial Technician to support finance and administrative tasks. Caty gave an update on the strategic plan and shared the advisory board retreat was still necessary before moving on to advancing the strategic plan. Some action items included defining roles and identifying goals before the boards would be able to tackle the strategic plan. Caty will be giving an update on the STEM AC strategic plan to the Idaho State Board of Education at their February 5th meeting. Caty pointed out the legislative responsibilities tied to Public Private Partnerships that have not been fully implemented and is working with Jenn from INL and the program team at STEM AC to faithfully fulfill legislative requirements and carry out the goals of Public Private Partnerships. As of Monday, the STEM AC budget passed through JFAC as an item on a docket. Idaho Library Commission is using a grant that was previously sunsetted through STEM AC as a line item, which has raised some questions that were addressed by previous members of the STEM AC team. STEM AC has taken the lead of the Idaho Workforce and Education Consortium, a consortium of employers, higher ed, K-12, and out-of-school partners. The majority of the group is made up of previous recipients of CHIPS Act grant dollars. The consortium has also been working on tools to allow educators to have greater access to projected workforce needs so that they can adjust their curricula as needed.

Laurie asked if STEM AC's leadership of the Idaho Workforce and Education Consortium equated to a statement from Idaho that the entire need of Idaho's future workforce was met by STEM careers. Caty responded that the Consortium recognizes the difference between STEM careers and STEM-



adjacent careers. She added that following the March meeting, there may be a more clear and focused title for the Consortium's work.

Staffing update:

Grants

Sarah highlighted the grants from WDC of \$585,000 for iStem and from State Farm of \$20,000 for IRES and IDSEF that had been awarded since the previous meeting. She then listed the grants that STEM AC is awaiting notification for: Sparklight (\$7,500 for iSTEM), IWCF (\$26,000 for iSTEM), and INL (\$30,000 for cybersecurity secondary endorsement). She listed the grants that she will be submitting for soon: Bayer (\$10,000 for iSTEM), Innovia (\$20,000 for iSTEM in north Idaho), and POWER Foundation (\$5,000 for STEM School Designation), and the grants she is prospecting and that were not awarded to STEM AC (see slideshow).

She highlighted needs for engagement with the Externship application, iSTEM participants. She also shared the need for \$100,000 for i-STEM Professional Development, \$190,000 for Learning Blade resources, and \$95,000 for STEM School Designation and Support. Caty highlighted INL's inclusion of STEM AC in their employee giving program, which has raised over \$18,000 for STEM AC.

Sarah gave an update on Grant Reporting, detailing the grants that were being pursued and had been awarded, as well as

Donor Development

Board Updates

Laurie congratulated Anne-Marie on being named the part-time financial officer for the Idaho STEM Ecosystem. She asked Sarah to provide a list of donors so that board members could send personal thank you cards to donors. She then shared that she is working with folks in Moscow and Couer d'Alene, and Twin Falls to gather interested parties in serving on the Board.

Upcoming STEM AC events:

Succession planning, Foundation Board to keep in the mind reach out to Laurie.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024. Laurie will send a Doodle poll for the Annual Meeting.

STEM Matters Month will be in March, the Kickoff will be on March 1 in the Hoff Building Crystal Ballroom.

Idaho Gives- Opens January, event April 2-May 2 2024.

Idaho Education Technology Association (IETA) February 7-8.



Adjourned at 12:09 for Executive Session