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## NORTHWEST STEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Northwest AEA, 1520 Morningside Avenue

Sioux City, IA 51106

**Members in Attendance:** John Bedward, Mary Trent, Cheryl Heronemus, Barbara Den Herder, Linda Gray, Jody Still-Herbod, and Kathleen Bottaro.

**Guests:** Janet Leifeld

**Members Absent:** Eric Forseth, Sherry McGill, Wade Weber, Derek Brower, Nancy McDowell and Mark Zabawa.

### 1. Area happenings:

- On February 16, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds kicked off her statewide STEM school visits by visiting Loess Hills Elementary and Morningside Elementary Schools in Sioux City. Loess Hills Elementary was the recipient this past December of the “Hour of Code” award in the Northwest Iowa STEM Region. Loess Hills Elementary is a computer programming specialty school, working to incorporate coding into subject area. Morningside Elementary is a STEM Specialty School, where teachers integrate STEM components into the curriculum. Board member Kathleen Bottaro, Digital Learning Program Coordinator for Sioux City Schools explained the emphasis placed on STEM and coding in these elementary schools.
- STEM Day at Capitol – John Bedward, Mary Trent, and Wade Weber attended the event on February 18. Great turn-out from a variety of partners. Key takeaways: Need to know our representatives and legislatures in the area. Homework for Janet is to create a document with pictures, names, locations and contact information so we can ensure they are invited to STEM events and then warmly welcomed at events. Also, important to create more of a network. Talk of a NW Advisory Board Facebook page that can be a central location for all activities.

- STEM Festival at Dordt – About 160 students attended STEM Festival at Dordt College. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the event and each year the students, volunteers and parents praise the event. Great model for partnerships between multiple organizations.  
<http://siouxlandnews.com/news/local/siouxlands-5th-annual-stem-fest>
  - STEM Scale-up Night at Kuemper – Mary Trent reported on. About 70 educators came to the event. Each of the Scale-up providers had someone representing their program. Educators went to 3—30 minute sessions of their choice. Dinner and goodies were given away. Board would like to see the model replicated throughout the NW region and state to help grow and promote Scale-up. Something for next year?
2. Mega-Meeting Media Outreach packet: The operations team created another tool to help board communicate and continue promoting STEM. Please review when you can.
  3. 2016-2017 Scale-Up Providers, Scale-Up Applications, Feedback, Funding/Sustainability, Review Team, Next steps, etc.
    - Applications are due on Tuesday, March 1 at 5pm.
    - Molly will review the applications and send them out to the volunteered reviewers: Mary Trent, John Bedward, Linda Gray, Jody Still Herbold, Kathleen Bottaro and Cheryl Heronomus on Friday, March 4.
    - The idea to separate applications by program and send to reviewers was proposed. Unanimous vote in favor.
    - Timeline for Scale-up Decision 2016-2017:
      - Reviewers receive applications by program, and rubrics on March 4.
      - Reviewers send reviews and recommendations to Molly on Wednesday, March 16 by 7pm.
      - Board comes together for next meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to listen to recommendations and determine award recipients for the 2016-2017 Scale-up awards.
  4. Tour of Regina Roth Applied Agricultural & Food Studies Program; Buhler Rohlfs Hall, Morningside College.

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 22; 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dordt College, Sioux Center

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