

Maine STEM Council Meeting
March 5, 2015

Present: Bill Beardsley, Sharon Eggleston, Beth Fisher, Karen Horton, Tom Keller, Jan Mokros, Michele Mailhot (for Anita Bernhardt), Jerry Pieh,

Phone: Diana Allen, Jeff Taub

Absent: Caroline Arline, Bill Belcher, Chris Boudreau, Mark Kostin, Ed Liu, and Susan McKay,

Notes: Laurie Larsen

3:00 pm. began meeting with introductions

Jerry recognized Tom for his work on the council and significant work on the Workforce Plan.

Secretary's report: presented to members, accepted as written. Sharon motioned to approve, Jan seconded, unanimously approved.

Jerry commented on our past treasurer, Steve Pound, who is no longer on the Council and have not appointed anyone at this time. Treasurers report presented by Tom.

Treasurers report: Net balance of \$78,351 through Jan 2014. If budget is on course balance will be \$35,937 going into fiscal year 2016. We've received \$50K from UMA, \$10K UNE, \$22K from state. Books are in good shape and positive balance. Beth motioned to accept, Jan seconded, unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report:

Report to Legislature:

EDU committee was appreciative of report and asked for timelines and responsibilities. We were able to specify our mandate and recommendations as well as give background on members and mission of council. Workforce and broadening participation were their interest. Gender equity was most brought up. Currently two bill going before legislature March 16th at 1pm. LD464, state adopt next generation of science standards. Second is LD567, Matt Poulet's bill, creating stake holder advisory groups, (a committee for STEM). This bill will keep teachers/instructor up to date on input of current requirements, changes of curriculum, etc.

Role of Council in facilitative implementation:

Personal outreach of the Workforce Plan is important. Let Tom know what you need for support. Members discussed who they have contacted and plan to contact those included: UMO, RSU 34, school boards, Lockheed Martin (local and corporate), superintendents, Bath (shipbuilding), and other organizations such as MSTA, Governors Academy Fellows. Additional contacts to be scheduled are: Finance authority of Maine, ACETM, Policy Scholars, Faculty at MMA, Areospace Alliance, IEEE, SME, Angus King Representatives, Pinegree and Pouliquin.

Three organizations we need to contact are: Maine Technology Institute, State Chamber of Commerce, and Maine Development foundation.

Maine STEM Collaborative, will have a boarder impact and plan to focusing on public perception. They are currently planning the next Summit for March 2016.

Subgoal E:

Tom commented that subgoal E is currently without milestones. The group discussed what could be done to move this forward keeping in mind the rural and intercity zip code equity (gender, zip code, equity, poverty and minority). A subgroup was set and Karen, Susan, Beth, and Jan volunteered to meet and bring back to the council their conclusions. Jerry would like to bring our conclusions several states that are comparable to Maine. This could have significant leverage when approaching legislation.

Dashboard: AKA assessment, looks at goals and how close we are getting to outcome. Moving the report to implement stage. Where is the good data, who has data, for the next meeting we set a committee for dashboard. Tom may set discussion for the annual meeting.

What is role of council: Do we do endorsement and letters of support, when our work is the Workforce Plan? Discussion began with members and it was agreed that the Council is not prepared to support or endorse any programs or organizations.

Announcements:

- Roundtable coming up in Biddeford March 26th, 1:30 – 3:30pm, would be good information and member could bring back information to the council.
- March 26th, is a Legislature & Labor committee – Tom will be there.
- Sharon presented a special invitation to Space Day held on May 1st, 7:45am – 2pm at Mt. Aaratt Middle School. RSVP to Sharon.
- Maine Science Festival held in Bangor at the Cross Center on Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd. Many organizations with fun science & math exhibits. Maine Science Fair will be on Saturday. They have 16 schools presenting and some homeschoolers. Jackson Labab are Co-Sponsors with MMSA, Reach Center.
- Science Olympiad same days
- Engineering Week – March 14th
- USA Skills championship – this week.
- Annual meeting – currently scheduled for June 11th. Will have a small group work on topics for annual meeting. May need to reschedule. We will send a doodle out for new dates. Diana volunteered to be on the annual meeting Committee.

Jerry adjourned meeting at 4:45 pm