

STEM Committee Meeting Minutes

Ohio Department of Education

Microsoft Teams Live

July 26th 2021 4-5 pm

A meeting of the STEM Designation Committee established in Ohio Revised Code 3326.02 was held on July 26th, at 4:00 pm. via Microsoft Teams Live hosted by the Ohio Department of Education

Committee members in attendance (quorum):

- Mr. Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education
- Dr. Tom Schwieterman, VP, Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Office, Midmark Corporation, Appointed by the Ohio Senate
- Dr. Krista Maxson, Associate Vice Chancellor, P-16 Initiatives Ohio Department of Higher Education, Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education (Designee)
- Ellen Marrison, Content Strategist, SSTI, Appointed by the Governor of Ohio
- Jonathan Gormley Assistant Chief of Policy and Communication- Ohio Development Services Agency, Director of Development (Designee)
- Jeff Polesovsky, Vice President, Public Policy, Columbus Partnership

Not present:

Steven White, Esq, VP External Affairs, Strategic Initiatives, and Business Development, COSI, Appointed by the Governor of Ohio

Also present were:

- Heather Sherman, Ohio STEM Learning Network
- Melissa Weber-Mayrer, Director of the Office of Approaches to Teaching and Professional Learning, Ohio Department of Education
- Shaun Yoder, Chief Strategy Officer, Ohio Department of Education
- Tamee Tucker, CAO, ISTEM Early College High School
- Stephanie Lammlein, CAO, BioMed Science Academy
- John Wiseman, Educational program specialist

I. Call to order

Dr. Tom Schwieterman called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. Minutes were recorded by Kyaundra Ellis.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Tom Schwieterman started committee-wide introductions.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Tom Schwieterman discussed the agenda with the committee and guest attendees present. Dr. Tom Schwieterman, STEM Committee Chair motioned to **Approve** the agenda, seconded by Superintendent DeMaria. Motion was **Approved Unanimously** by the committee.

IV. Approval of May 6, 2021 minutes

Dr. Tom Schwieterman moved to **Approve** the minutes from the September 29, 2020, meeting of the STEM Committee, seconded by Paolo DeMaria. The **motion carried**.

VII. Preread Items sent to committee member

- **ISTEM proposal to add additional grades**
- **BioMed Science Academy proposal to add additional grades**

VIII. Summary of the two requests to add grade levels to already designated schools.

Heather Sherman and Kimberly Bell shared information regarding two STEM designated schools who are requesting to add age bands.

1. **ISTEM** proposed to modify their current designation to expand to additional grade levels.

- Current Enrollment 9-12 grade
- Proposed Enrollment 6 - 12 grade
- Proposed FY22 Enrollment 8 -12 grade

iSTEM is seeking approval to expand our current 9-12 grade STEM designation to include the enrollment of 6-8 grade students. iSTEM is requesting to serve grade 8 students in FY22, and expanding the enrollment to include 6 and 7 grade in FY23.

2. **Bio-Med** proposed to modify their current designation to expand to kindergarten.

- Current Enrollment 1-12 grade
- Proposed Enrollment kindergarten to grade 12

The Bio-Med Science Academy is seeking approval to expand our current STEM designation to include enrollment to now include Kindergarten for the 21-22 school year. The current expansion projects allowed us to increase our current footprint to now include Kindergarten. This final transition to include the youngest of learners has been recognized by the Academy's Governing Board as there is value in having an elementary program.

Discussion

Voting

Dr. Tom Schwieterman asked for a motion to **Approve** the OSLN recommendations for STEAM or STEM for all three schools. Superintendent DeMaria motioned to **Approve**, seconded by Ellen Marrison. The motion was **Approved Unanimously**. The **motion carried**.

X. Closing Remarks

Dr. Tom Schwieterman thanked Superintendent DeMaria for his service to the state of Ohio and congratulated him on his retirement. Further Dr. Tom Schwieterman thanked Kimberly Bell for her service to the Ohio Department of Education. Kimberly announced that she would be leaving ODE to return to the classroom.

Heather Sherman thanked the STEM Committee for their support and their participation in the process.

V. Adjourn

Dr. Tom Schwieterman, Committee Chair, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Superintendent DeMaria.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.