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514 W Jefferson St, Ste 136, Boise, Idaho 83702

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Committee Members: Anna Almerico, ~~Donna Butler~~, ~~Linda Clark~~, Janelle Culley, Allison Duman, ~~Megan O'Rourke~~, ~~Jeff Tucker~~, Bill Reagan, Sarah Joy, Amanda Logan

Staff: Sherawn Reberry, Denise Hill, Katie Bosch-Wilson, Dee Mooney

Guests:

Call to Order at 1:40 p.m.

Bill Reagan, Chair

Roll call

Review Agenda

***Approve April 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Joy to approve April 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Ms. Duman. Motion carried.

STEM AC & WDC Overview

Sherawn Reberry

- 3 new Bureaus
 - Education & Careers, Sherawn Reberry Director
 - Strategy & Operations, Dee Mooney Director
 - Employer & Workforce Engagement, Matthew Thomsen Director
- Katie Bosch-Wilson will become the new STEM Program Manager
- STEM AC has had a statewide Impact
 - STEM interactions doubled annually to 400K
 - Implemented the Externship Program
 - Expanded STEM-focused professional development offerings
 - Over 2500 educators have attended and received classroom sets
 - Collaborated to develop the STEM School Designation program
 - The second state nationally recognized for strong computer science policies
- The work being done will not go away, but may look different
- The integration will require legislative approval to be complete
- 3 Strategic Goals
 - Increase awareness of the importance of STEM + CS education and employment pathways
 - Increase pursuit of STEM pathways across Idaho
 - Align STEM + CS education with workforce needs
- Major programs
 - Outreach and Communication

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- Newsletters
 - STEM AC and other partners
- Social media
- Direct email communication
- Event presentations
- Community Platform
- Word of Mouth

Overview of STEM AC Programs

Dee Mooney

- I-STEM
 - summer professional development opportunity for educators (PK-12) working in both formal and informal settings focused on improving access to effective STEM learning opportunities in collaboration with industry.
- Externship
 - places educators into workplace experiences during the summer months to bring these experiences back into the classroom.
- EcosySTEM
 - Through its support of the Idaho STEM Ecosystem STEM AC seeks to fulfill several of the legislative requirements. The Idaho STEM Ecosystem engages partners to foster transformative STEM learning experiences and expand career pathways in every Idaho community.
- Idaho's Science and Engineering Fairs
 - 3 Regional Fairs
 - Northern Idaho Science and Engineering Fair (NISEF)
 - Western Idaho Science and Engineering Fair (WISEF)
 - Eastern Idaho Science and Engineering Fair (EISEF)
- STEM School Designation
 - established to serve as an indicator for parents and students looking for STEM school experiences in Idaho helping schools meet standards aligned with best practices to foster in-demand skills and competencies.
- Computer Science Education Week, bringing industry partners to schools December 8 – 14, 2025
- Learning Blade, Career Exploration for fifth through ninth grade

Overview of STEM Promotions and Attendance

Katie Bosch-Wilson

- I-STEM 2025 520 participants
- Externship 2025 102 participants
- Idaho Science & Engineering Fair FY26 goal 90 student projects with 6 continuing to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair
- STEM School Designation, currently 11 participating schools

Final thoughts

Sherawn Reberry

- We are shaping the vision as we come together
- Currently the team is housed at the Capital Annex and at the Hoff Building
- Questions
 - Legislature approval – who is our support how are we looking

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- Wendy Horman will carry this through
- Traveling the state meeting with key legislatures
- Initiative, code cleanup EELS teeing this up as part of it
- STEM Foundation has become a stand-alone non-profit and will be changing their name
- \$47M was given to WDC in 2023 for use with STEM, those funds were utilized for Innovation and Industry grants around the Micron expansion
- Opportunity to support programs at a higher level with integration.

Motion by Ms. Joy to adjourn. Second by Ms. Duman. No objections.

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.