**SC STEM Hub Advisory Board Meeting Minutes--March**

**Date**: March, 25, 2021; 10:30-11:30 AM via Zoom

**Present**: Derry, Rankin, Holmen, Eysink, Hagge, Cox, Murphy, Pargmann, Mohr, Cummins, Williams, Gomez, Schultz, Wise, Williams, Williams

**Absent**: Andrews, Ford, McCarthy

1. Funding Scale-Up Applications
2. Recruitment Efforts
3. Of the 22 districts targeted, 18 started an application and 12 completed it.
4. People heard about Scale-Ups from #1. Other, #2. Email from manager, #3. Principal, #4. Newsletter.
5. Note: social media was low on the list—prioritize other options..
6. Created goals for next year:
7. support districts who have trouble finishing applications
8. reach out to more educators at the building-level.
9. We have 550,000 budgeted for Scale-Up, Festivals, and F&A
10. Thank you to Eysink, Cummins, Williams, Haage who read applications
11. 539,259.64 of the budget will go toward Scale-Up
12. Discussion on points of clarification for a few applications; Derry will follow-up to get the information needed
13. 6,000 for STEM Fests allotted.
14. IDEA: Could we create Sustainability Scholarships for applicants who do NOT have a great plan for continuation because of their school’s economic situation
15. BEST Applications are Due May 10
16. Overview of resources available to applicants.
17. Talking points for board members in a template email.
18. Goal: do a better job of communicating with educators that the funds can be used to DEVELOP programs, implement, or expand.
19. Next meeting: April 29 – STEM Council State Meeting
20. Attend virtually or in-person
21. Link to register: https://uni.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlcO-vqjsvHdWDGnIrMHbm\_u1MsaZPAtQO