

MINUTES

Mike Nerland starts meeting welcoming participants.

Vickei Hrdina discussed the process of reaching out to district superintendents to see what the need is for Winter Kit Rotation.

- Districts are being asked if they would like STEM Kits for Winter and Spring Rotation.
- Several districts will be seeing students in person and are requesting kits.
- Vickei is emailing/calling superintendents directly to find out.
- Funding/budget updates: anticipating to use excess due to less purchase orders to cover for the deficit in income from contracts.

Pranjali Upadhyay updates

- Pranjali has been in communication with building principals and teachers.
- There is a greater interest in receiving STEM kits for this rotation.
- Teachers are still feeling overwhelmed and there is a lot of anxiety amongst teachers about finding the time to do STEM.
- Districts have been prioritizing ELA and Math, so opportunities for integration can be taken.
- Storyline development still in progress, 3-4 new storylines will be completed this June.

Stacy Meyer updates on Middle School Program changes

- No current changes due to lack of funding to purchase OpenSciEd kits.
- Will be convening a committee that is interested in gauging interest and supporting OpenSciEd rollout in region.
- No new changes due to COVID year.