

# Teaching & Learning Division STEM Materials Center Advisory Committee

May 12, 2022 Zoom 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

## **MINUTES**

## Attendees:

Region 2: Gunner Guttormsen - Kelso, Longview

Region 3: Eric Nerison - Kalama, Castle Rock, Toutle Lake and Woodland

Region 4: Chris Griffith - Ridgefield, Green Mountain, Hockinson and La Center

Region 7: Rhonda Rogers - Private and at-large districts

ESD 112: Mike Nerland, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

ESD 112: Kathy Whitlock, Executive Director of Student & School Success

ESD 112: Vickei Hrdina, Director of Career Readiness & STEM Initiatives

ESD 112: Pranjali Upadhyay, Integrated Curriculum Coordinator

ESD 112: Stacy Meyer, Regional Science Coordinator

## **Unable to Attend:**

Region 1: Derek Jaques - Camas, Washougal

Region 5: Crystal Lanz - White Salmon, Centerville, Glenwood, Klickitat, Lyle, Trout Lake, Roosevelt

# **Agenda Items**

## **Storyline Update**

There are two new Elementary units available, "Weather and Climate" for Kindergarten and "Beyond Weather and Climate" for third grade. Each of these units also have a webinar available that will walk teachers step-by-step through the unit and how to use it. All the elementary units and training videos are available on the <u>STEM Materials website</u>.

#### **Summer Science Explore-a-thon**

Pranjali Upadhyay and Stacy Meyer have been working on re-launching the Summer Science training event this year. They are planning on holding the "Summer Science Explore-a-thon" August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> at ESD 112. Pranjali & Stacy are inviting all K-5 teachers to a hands-on, deep dive into each kit as well as receive coaching and tricks on using the kits.

# **Changes to fee Structure**

Over the last several months, our SMC team has been collecting information from teachers on their science kits, professional learning needs and other supports for elementary science.

As a result of this input, we are proposing a change to the current Tiered Pricing for kits and professional development. The existing model, adopted in 2017-18, is linked <u>HERE</u>. Proposed changes are below.

- Eliminate Tier 0 and Tier 3
- Changes to Tier 1 (a la carte kits)
  - o Increase per kit charge to \$225/kit
  - O No Charge for Storyline training or Computer Science Loan program
- Changes to Tier 2 'Becomes Standard Contract'
  - o Increase kit charges to \$550/teacher
    - Covers COLA and transportation
    - Allows for Temporary kit assemblers during busy transitions
    - Kit updates and materials purchases to better align kit to storyline
  - O No Charge for Storyline training or Computer Science Loan program
  - o Free registration for Summer STEM professional development
  - Science Leadership Network [Grade Level Science Learning Communities] is included for member districts
  - Grade-level training for teams that want to focus on specific components of storyline implementation

Eric Nerison motioned to adopt the new fee structure; Rhonda Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 2022-23 Budget Forecast

It is projected the total expenses for the SMC for 22-23 will be about \$310,581. This includes Staff Salaries & Benefits, Temp Assemblers, Restocking Materials, Kit Delivery Service, Warehouse Space, and Indirects. The current projected district member contributions with the newly adopted fee structure is about \$325,565.00 which would leave around \$14,984.00 left over.