

MINUTES

Attendees:

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: Vickei Hrdina, Director of Career Readiness & STEM Initiatives
ESD 112: Pranjali Upadhyay, Integrated Curriculum Coordinator
ESD 112: Serena Decator, STEM Materials Center Specialist

Unable to Attend:

Region 1: Derek Jaques - Camas, Washougal
Region 2: Gunner Guttormsen - Kelso, Longview
Region 5: Crystal Lanz - White Salmon, Centerville, Glenwood, Klickitat, Lyle, Trout Lake, Roosevelt

Agenda Items

Approval of New Chair

Chris Griffith nominated Eric Nerison as the new Chair. Eric accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

Approval of May 20, 2021 Minutes

Eric Nerison motioned to approve the May 20, 2021, minutes and Chris Griffith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of the 2021-22 Budget

The reduction in space in the SMC has resulted in a significant rent decrease saving money on facilities costs. The SMC is also not planning on hiring Temp employees this year which will save on staffing costs. There has also been a decrease in supply costs due to reduction of the middle school program and the number of districts in the co-op. After current district member contributions this will be about \$8,000 left over.

Chris Griffith motioned to approve the 2021-22 budget and Rhonda Rogers seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously.

Elementary Update

There are two new Elementary units available, “We are Wondrous” for second grade physical science and “Becoming Protectors of the Earth” for fifth grade environmental science. 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 [STEM Materials website](#).

Pranjali Upadhyay and Stacy Meyer have been working on launching Science Learning Communities this year. Science Learning Communities are groups of teachers that get together to discuss STEM implementation and innovation while also providing a space for teachers to work together to share ideas and resources.

Middle School Update

OpenSciEd unit trainings will be held this winter/spring. The ESD is planning on offering trainings for all OpenSciEd units over the next two years using a combination of Zoom and Canvas. The trainings will be open to all teachers who are interested in learning more about OpenSciEd. Any districts that would like more information about the trainings or that have general questions about OpenSciEd can contact [Stacy Meyer](#).

SMC Warehouse Update

Construction has begun on the new SMC warehouse space. The space does not currently have running water, bathrooms or an office space so those are being added. If everything goes to plan construction should be complete in the next few weeks.

