AGENDA & MINUTES

Attendees

Participants:
Region 1 (Position 1): James Cantonwine (Evergreen SD)
Region 1 (Position 2): Paula Koehler-Martin (Battle Ground SD)
Region 2 (Position 3): Mary-Beth Tack (Kelso SD)
Region 3 (Position 4): Eric Nerison (Kalama SD) – participated by phone
Region 4 (Position 5): Slade McSheehy (Hockinson SD) – proxy for Sandra Yager
   And Chris Griffith (Ridgefield SD) – incoming Representative for Region 4
Regions 5/6 (Position 6): Jerry Lewis (White Salmon SD)
ESD 112: Mike Nerland, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
ESD 112: Kathy Whitlock, Executive Director of Student and School Success
ESD 112: Vickei Hrdina, STEM Director
ESD 112: Stacy Meyer, Regional Science Coordinator

Unable to attend:
Region 7 (Position 7): Holly Rogers (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Agenda Items

Welcome and Introductions:
Vickei Hrdina introduces Chris Griffith and Slade McSheehy to the committee and notifies to the group that Eric will be joining via ZOOM, and that Gavin will be calling in to go over in more details regarding budget. Mike Nerland/Vickei Hrdina introduce Jenny to the committee, who will take Niki Johnston’s place while she’s on maternity.

Overview of Agenda:
Mary Beth Tack provides a brief overview of agenda items for May 31st discussion and SMC Advisory Members will need to determine of the approval of the proposed budget, 8.5% increase for 2017-18, and the approval of purchases for 3-5th grade physical science.

Approval of the April Minutes:
Vickei Hrdina explains wrong date on April meeting minutes and notifies the group it will be corrected. James Cantonwine motioned to approve April 26th minutes, Jerry Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Results of Coop Survey on Proposals for Elementary Physical Science Purchases (3-5th grade):
The survey results were shared with the group prior to the meeting. With 30 districts and private schools responding, member districts voted with majority for the SMC Recommendation as their first choice (21 votes). 5 voted for FOSS Next Gen, and 4 voted for STC/BBS. Vickei and Stacy remarked that they had many conversations with district representatives to clarify the proposals, answer questions and field concerns. The survey was helpful to understand the needs of individual’s districts, and many were appreciative of the
ability to provide their input. Slade McSheehy motioned to move forward with the purchases for 3-5th Physical science alignment; Jerry Lewis seconded the motion. James Cantonwine abstained.

**Reserve budget Updates:**
Vickei Hrdina shares with committee that Evergreen SD has decided to remove their contract for services from the Co-Op. Gavin reports on the adjustments for the Operations budget and the Reserve (Capital) for 2017-18. The new projected budget for Operations is $575,939, which represents a $43,874 decrease due to Evergreen’s departure. The new projected budget for Reserve (Capital) is $150,421, also representing the Evergreen contribution decrease.

Gavin and Vickei state that the SMC Staff will be reviewing vendor contracts, examining temporary staff and considering renting space in the warehouse to bring down costs. Mary Beth Tack states that SMC Advisory Members need to agree on the 8.5% increase, as was determined to cover the capital reserve in 2014-15. Jerry Lewis motions for an approval of the 8.5% increase, and Paula Koehler-Martin seconds the motion. Slade McSheehy and James Cantonwine abstain from the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Middle School program:**
Since the middle school program is not part of the Cooperative, and is not covered by the Capital reserve, a separate meeting will be scheduled for middle school participants in August to discuss changes and alignment with NGSS. Vickei will set up a Doodle poll to find the best time. Districts are reminded of the OER Project for Middle School, and that new kits and units aligned to support existing kits are available at [www.stemmaterials.org](http://www.stemmaterials.org)

**Discussion on Structure of Cooperative:**
In light of district-level input and concerns for localized choice, Vickei Hrdina shared a proposed revision to the structure of the SMC, given the high need for district-level differentiation to support NGSS. The proposed revision includes a tiered system where districts can select a level that meets their needs. This structure would allow for more flexibility within the SMC curriculum structure to support NGSS implementation at each individual district, options for embedded professional development services, as well as a more direct mechanism for input and communication with SMC through teacher leadership structures and Curriculum Directors. Districts would also be able to add on a CS@112 Buy-Up option which would include robotics sets, Vernier probes and kits. This is a draft proposal and will be considered by the whole cooperative. In order to plan for this new structure, 2017-2018 would include planning meetings with full district representation, with Constitution, by-laws and contract revision in Spring 2018 and Full Implementation in Fall 2018. Districts are encouraged to consider the draft proposal and engage in the planning process next fall. Vickei will also present this draft proposal to all Superintendents at their first fall meeting.

**Other Discussion**
Representation is still needed from Region 5 Position 6 (Ocean Beach, Naselle, Wahkiakum, Mount Pleasant, Mill A and Stevenson-Carson. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Vickei, Mike or Kathy.

Next year, as a result of Evergreen’s departure, they will no longer hold a vote in the advisory. However, Evergreen (and Vancouver) are invited and encouraged to have a person on the committee to attend planning meetings in an advisory capacity next year.

**Next Meeting:** Will be determined once the Regional Teaching and Learning Meetings are set.