



# SDIRC STEAM Committee Meeting

**Date:** February 18, 2021

**Time:** 4:00-6:00pm

**Location:** District Office TEC and Virtual Teams Link

## **Participants:**

April Perez (SDIRC DO), Patrick Hiser (SDIRC DO), Cynthia Emerson (SDIRC DO), Missy Weiss (Ocean Research and Conservation Association), Laica Germen-Merda (Community Member), Mitzi Plunkett (SDIRC Teacher), Ronald Gehrke (SDIRC Teacher), Coletta Murray (SDIRC Teacher), Becky O'Donnell (Digital Integration Specialist), Amy Shea (Environmental Learning Center), Cassandra Flores (SDIRC Principal), Elizabeth Laviska (SDIRC Teacher), John Martin (Teacher), Januarie Lloyd (Sub, Parent, PTA), Marie Gruber (Parent), Kristen Racine (Assistant Principal), Germaine Johnson (Teacher)

## **I. Introductions**

Participants shared their name and role within the community.

## **II. What is STEAM?**

Participants shared their ideas for, "What is STEAM?"

## **III. STEAM Designation Manual**

April Perez read through the STEAM Designation Manual with the participants. Cynthia Emerson shared that each school choose a school choice theme this year and many schools decided to apply for the STEAM Designation since their school theme is STEAM related. All SDRIC schools will not be seeking STEAM Designation. The district would like to ensure all students have access to STEAM no matter where they are zoned to go to school. Schools are using extended day time to support student access to STEAM. The committee talked about the importance of providing students opportunities for career exploration.

### **a. Vision and Mission**

- i. The committee would like to adjust some of the wording for the vision and mission and review it at the next meeting.

### **b. Vote on Scoring Component Rubric**

- i. John Martin motions to approve. Jermaine Johnson seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

### **c. Vote on Adding Bronze, Silver and Gold to Levels**

- i. Coletta Murray motions to approve. Marie Gruber seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

## **IV. Stakeholder Feedback**

- a. VBHS is developing a STEAM Diploma for the future. There is a need for computer science education prior to high school and the district is now offering a computer science course to all middle school students. The technology department should be involved when purchasing STEAM technology tools.

## **V. Next Steps**

- a. Norm Suggestions
  - i. Innovation for all students.
  - ii. All participants contribute to the group.
  - iii. Student centered decisions.
- b. Showcase Details

## **VI. Exit Ticket**