

Governor’s Task Force on K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education (STEM)

October 21, 2014

Manchester Community College, Manchester, NH

Task Force Members in Attendance: Ross Gittell, Chairman; Brian Blake; Barbara Couch; Susan D’Agostino; Robert Hallowell; Mary Kate Hartwell; Joseph Helble (by phone); Caroline Herold; Todd Lamarque, and Palligarnai Vasudevan

Unable to Attend: Joyce Craig; Jeremy Hitchcock; Dean Kamen and Paul Leather

Others present: Mary Laturau, Director of School Engagement, Project Lead the Way; and

I. Call to order

Chairman Gittell opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. by welcoming members of the Task Force and the public who were present at the meeting.

II. Approval of October 7, 2014 minutes

Robert Hallowell made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Susan D’Agostino seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Items requiring discussion and approval

- a. Recommendations to be presented to Governor. Task Force asked to express concerns, additions or deletions. Note: final professional editing in progress and will be reviewed with authoring group individually. Task Force members recommended following changes:
- b. STEM Inspirations:
- c.
- d. Decide on next steps regarding women/girls in STEM and other “parking lot” ideas
- e. Review STEM definition (Robert Hallowell)
- f. Review proposed “Next Steps” action of report including global recommendations.

IV. Public Comments

- a. Mary Laturau expressed thanks to Task Force their work. Prof. Sally Jean, Keene State College/Science Education and officer in the NH Science Teachers’ Association presented a letter to the Task Force (see addendum XX) supporting Next Generation Science Standards and efforts to provide science training and professional development for NH K-12 teachers.