

**Governor's Council on Women and Girls**

**Subcommittee on Education & STEAM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023 | 3:00 PM**

**Microsoft TEAMS Virtual Meeting**

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- I. Welcome remarks/introductions**
  - a. The meeting was called to order by Christine Jean-Louis at 3:00 PM.
- II. Million Women Mentor Update**
  - a. Discussion unavailable for transcription in minutes
- III. Goals for Office of Manufacturing**
  - a. Start of discussion was unavailable for transcription in minutes.
  - b. Office is helping bring jobs back to CT and to bring back manufacturing back to CT. It uses Connex, a supply chain debate database, which allows suppliers to find each other (shortening supply chains, keeping everything in CT).
  - c. Working with large OEMs in the state to help make supply chains more resilient with cyber security.
  - d. Visited the turbines at the pier in New London and are going out to the South Fork Wind project at the end of September, the beginning of October, where we will have the second offshore wind installation. It is a once in a generational opportunity for the state of Connecticut to be in the forefront of a leading industry in renewable energy, which will decrease our reliance on carbon fuels.
  - e. It applied for federal grants and received a federal grant from the office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to accelerate the digital transformation of the manufacturing ecosystem. It applied for a state manufacturing leadership grant which will allow us to accelerate their leadership position in manufacturing and in addition to that, recently applied for a regional tech hub grant with the EDA which is Department of Commerce.
  - f. The whole mission of the Office of Manufacturing is to make sure that Connecticut keeps its dominant position within the country as it relates to manufacturing and continue to grow manufacturing in the state.
  - g. An idea of making the world's largest manufacturing places, tourists spots.
  - h. Converge Connecticut event and it is to support women in manufacturing at the DoubleTree in Bristol.
- IV. Review/Execution of December 2022 Brainstorming Ideas**
  - a. Add to existing STEM festivals with creating a table at the invention convention.
  - b. Go to female students and have informal talks to make them proud of their math and science abilities.
  - c. Can invite a group of girls or students at this point into their facilities to see what they do and maybe during bring your kids to work day.

- d. Model Circular 4 computer science: The goal is that students can engage in a project-based learning approach, develop these skills and knowledge connected to a career, and equipping teachers with these skills and knowledge as well.
- e. The Aspiration in Computing is an annual event where female students are welcome to participate and send in their submissions.

**V. Internship Toolkit Update**

- a. They need to get the toolkit up and then they are planning on working an addendum of best practices.

**VI. Upcoming ED and STEAM Subcommittee meetings at 3pm**

- a. Thursday, November 16

**VII. Adjourn**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.