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

**Subcommittee on Education & STEAM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2023 | 3:00 PM**

**Microsoft TEAMs Virtual Meeting**

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I.  **Welcome remarks/Introductions**
    a.  The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Christine Jean-Louis.
    b.  Christine will be on leave and Co-Chair Paul Lavoie will step in to lead meetings, create agendas and other items for the committee for this subcommittee with the other co-chairs.

II. **Million Women Mentor Update**
    a.  Thank you to Carolyn Alessi, who passed the baton to Colleen two months ago.
    b.  Discussed new ideas for both the Mentoring Down committee and the Mentoring Up Committee. Both groups will come together again in December to expand their ideas and create new initiatives for 2024.
    c.  To participate or become an advisory committee member, please email millionwomenmentorct@gmail.com.
    d.  Connecting our next generation of STEM youth leaders with a global youth network that is working to eradicate barriers to equality for women in STEM called Speak Out Sisterhood. Hosted by teens for teens.
    e.  Million Girl Moonshot: They just 13 to 18 who reside in Connecticut and identify as female to apply to become a million girls, Moon shot flight crew member. The flight crew will publicly share their stories to inspire other young people to pursue out of school stem learning while honing their public speaking, advocacy and leadership skills.
    f.  Attended the STEM Innovation Forum in October where she represented Connecticut
    g.  Celebration of innovation unity across the Cosmos on Friday, December 8th at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford with the guest speaker, Dr. Mae Jemison, for more information on that.

III. **Internship Toolkit Update**
    a.  Still need to make the toolkit accessible and ADA compliant
    b.  Available right now on the Governor's Council of Women and Girls website

IV. **Computing Challenge 2024 Update**
    a.  Launched officially on October 20th at the CSA New England Conference
    b.  Creating a social campaign and collaboration with the LG's office for Computer Science Education Week

    c. Challenge Champion: An incentive for up to 10 teachers from our alliance districts that commit to having 30 submissions, as well as working with at least two or three other teachers in their school or district for submissions.

V. **Annual Report Summaries**
    a. All online for the years of 2019-2022
    b. 2023 is in progress and will be up by the end of year

VI. **Roundtable discussion on 2024 goals**
    a. Pipeline work with community partners, Steering Committees, schools (high school and college), and student group/programs
        i. Make sure information for accessible and make sure the Information Hub is there for them
        ii. Promoting is going to be key for this Information Hub
        iii. Curate information and resources that is put in the Hub
    b. MIF/First Robotics Collaboration
        i. First Robotic Programs - $2.2 million two-year proposal to help create more First Robotic Programs throughout CT
    c. Promotion of Internship Toolkit
    d. Reimagining conventional hiring practices

VII. **Upcoming ED and STEAM Subcommittee meetings at 3pm**
    a. Wednesday, February 14
    b. Wednesday, May 22
    c. Wednesday, August 21
    d. Wednesday, November 13

VIII. **Adjourn**
    a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.