**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**May 2nd, 2019**

**3:00-4:00 pm EST**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance

Sam Norlin (NCO), Marty Downs (NCO), Cora Johnston (VCR), Jill Haukos (KNZ), Pamela Snow (HFR), Clarisse Hart (HFR), Sarah Thorne (HBR) ,Cari Paulenich (CCE), Scott Simon (SBC), Noelia Baez (LUQ), Elizabeth Schultheis (KBS), Alex Rose (NWT), Caitlin Potter (CDR),

Annette Brickley (NES)

1. Approve April minutes
2. Guest Speaker: Kerry McClay from Snow School
   1. Have metrics that show this is effective program- worked with Boise State researchers and is specific to science learning and snow hydrology, connected in classroom 3 months later
   2. Don’t have to take kids to field site, can do this at a location where there is reliable snow and accessible to students
   3. No Cost to be a Snow School site- look at this as a partnership
   4. See an opportunity to do outdoor program during winter
   5. Students mimic what scientists are doing in the field
   6. Best way to reach out for collaboration: snowschool.org or email Kerry (kmcclay@winterwildlands.org)
3. New Business
   1. NCO updates – Sam and Marty
      1. NCO proposal went in, funding was not as high as last round and had to make difficult budget decisions
         1. Sam will not be staying on after the end of this round of funding
         2. Marty is happy to talk to folks if they have questions. There is a feeling that there is less need of network level coordination for Education committee
         3. Marty will return as the contact for this committee. Kristen will be helping with the website.
         4. Not a reflection of commitment to education activities.
         5. Sam- looking forward to making great products between now and September
         6. Many thanks to Sam for all he has done for the committee!!
      2. Interns are working on Arts and Humanities webpage; working on building out site
      3. Why I Synthesize twitter campaign has been a success (#whyIsynthesize)
      4. 40-year review- Jill is working on synthesis document, needs input from collaborative Data Jam group, need before Science Council Meeting
      5. Website updates coming, stay tuned
   2. EB updates – Marty
      1. NSF will have 5 program officers at Science Council, they usually do an hour update, ask for what we want them to update the Science Council about
   3. EOC updates - Caitlin and Cora
      1. Contributed to the annual report
      2. Think about if you would like to take over for Caitlin beginning in October
4. Working Group and Site Updates/Announcements
   1. Alan: LTER Sense of Place project- take a look at the email Alan sent, let him know if you are interested. He will send everyone an email survey later this spring.
   2. KBS:
      1. Kara will have elementary teachers working with her this summer. They will focus on making elementary level data nuggets. Will have the teachers work on existing activities and simplify.
      2. Interested in elementary level data nuggets, use Fleisch Kincaid tool, which is built into Word (http://www.readabilityformulas.com/flesch-grade-level-readability-formula.php)
      3. Would like to make data nuggets that compliment each of the schoolyard books
      4. Educator Field Day: Sept 10, theme is soil health, interested in making a cross-site event, anyone who wants to participate can email anyone at KBS
   3. HFR will have RET work on a data nugget this week
   4. VCR will have an elementary teacher this summer, use Newsela to adjust reading level
   5. HFR:
      1. Soft launch of a twitter tree, sensors will tweet about what is happening to the tree
      2. Had spring workshop with teachers who are following the protocols developed by HFR
      3. Lightening round slide presentation from teachers about what they do in their classroom
      4. Teachers brought sample student work and posters
      5. Jonathan Thompson is new PI.
   6. LUQ: Last week, had 5th joint student symposium with SEV, will host regular student symposium be on May 17
   7. VCR: Inspired by NPR article about students talking with others to try to figure out where the other class is. How can we use this as a model? https://www.npr.org/2019/04/29/712173682/teachers-use-mystery-skype-to-give-students-a-window-on-the-world
   8. SBC: Bob Miller is new lead PI for SBC-LTER.
5. EOC Meeting Schedule (NOTE DAY OF WEEK CHANGE TO THURSDAYS)
   1. June 6th, 2019
   2. **July 11th, 2019 \*\*note shift of a week to avoid July 4th holiday**
   3. August 1st, 2019
   4. September 5th, 2019