**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**March 7th, 2019**

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

**Minutes**

1. Attendance

Sam Norlin (NCO), Noelia Baez (LUQ), Caitlin Potter (CDR), Kari O’Connell(AND), Sarah Thorne (HBR), Kara Haas (KBS), Kim Eichhorst (SEV), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Cora Johnston (VCR), Annette Brickley (NES), Cari Paulenich (CCE), Alex Rose (NWT/MCM)

1. Approve February minutes- Approved
2. New Business
   1. NCO updates – Sam and Marty
      1. 40-year Review reminder, write a summary of education activities
         1. Sam will send template, if available
         2. Jill, Alan are working on the education committee review
      2. Renewal Proposal work is still ongoing
      3. Working on Science Council Meeting in May
      4. Keep using #LTERlove, not just for February
      5. Will be doing something around Earth Day
   2. EB updates – Annette
      1. Giving Ed. update today, will need to give an update at Science Council in May
   3. EOC updates - Caitlin and Cora
      1. Caitlin: Tempestry project
         1. Interest expressed in putting together cross-site tempestry, that could potentially travel
         2. Email Caitlin if you are interested
         3. Kit would have data, correct amount of each color, pattern
         4. Timeline: done in next 18 months or so
      2. Cora: urban/rural article
         1. Are our sites distributed in any meaningful way to discuss our experiences with this challenge?
         2. Is there a product that we are interested in developing, as our sites and the communities we serve are varied across the urban-rural spectrum?
3. Working Group and Site Updates/Announcements
   1. Schoolyard Book Series: Sam
      1. Based upon discussions with publisher, NSF, and landscape of book industry, considering Schoolyard Series 2.0
      2. Thinking about interconnectedness of sites
      3. 3 new books, with multiple sites for each book,
      4. 1 author, 1 artist will develop all 3 books so there is cohesiveness, good storytelling
      5. Publisher wants to make them profitable, NSF is not interested in funding this
      6. Hoping to have outline and proposal by this summer
      7. Working group will reach out, but you can volunteer yourself
   2. 40-year review: anyone want to share site bullets?
      1. Check with PI for sample 40-year review document
      2. Check google team drive for examples
   3. REU: review and selection for enhancing diversity
      1. CDR- submitting site proposal for REUs this summer, working with local tribal colleges to write proposal from the beginning
      2. Including a mentor training plan, asking tribal college partners to help generate plan
      3. Discussion about mentoring
         1. *Entering Mentoring* for resources
         2. Is this something that we are all dealing with? Ideas for further discussion
         3. SERC using surveys to stimulate conversation
4. EOC Meeting Schedule (NOTE DAY OF WEEK CHANGE TO THURSDAYS)
   1. April 4th, 2019
   2. May 2nd, 2019
   3. June 6th, 2019
   4. **July 11th, 2019 \*\*note shift of a week to avoid July 4th holiday**