

Council of Advisors

The Portland Metro STEM Partnership (PMSP) is a broad-based coalition of individuals and organizations working together to assure all students, from preschool through graduate and professional school (P-20), have access to high quality education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). We believe that strong communities need citizens capable of engaging both economically and civically in a society that is STEM-driven.

We believe that the skills developed through learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)—such as critical thinking, careful observation, research, analysis, problem-solving, persistence, and adaptation—are exactly what people need to thrive in our increasingly complex, data driven, evidence-based world, whatever their chosen career or life direction.

Our vision is that all students are able to follow their passions into productive and rewarding careers, creative endeavors, and civic & community engagement.

As a regional STEM Hub in Oregon, a critical function of the Portland Metro STEM Partnership is to convene and connect organizations, programs, and people to move towards this vision.

Our programs and projects unite a diverse network of partners throughout the region, including school districts, K-12 schools, community-based organizations, higher education, and industry. By working together to pursue strategies that transcend the interests of any one organization or sector, we can have a greater collective impact on our students' future than any entity or sector could have alone.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES/VALUES

- **Collaboration:** Only together can we design equitable systems
- **Equity:** STEM literacy is a social justice issue, not just an educational challenge. We must engage communities and implement solutions in and beyond the education system in order to bring about real change
- **Data-Driven:** We base decisions on the best available data and agree to a set of shared outcomes that are measurable and useful (See PMSP Outcomes Framework)
- **Learning Community:** We value the expertise, lessons learned, and wisdom of the group and provide a network for sharing information and resources
- **Inclusivity:** All who are willing to commit to the Partnership goals and governance are welcome to participate

PURPOSE and PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

The Council of Advisors assures the Partnership achieves its goals by:

1. Providing high-level input on strategic direction to the Executive Leadership Team
2. Leveraging professional networks to support Partnership initiatives and goals

3. Advocating for PMSP, its initiatives, goal areas, and vision
4. Serve as ad-hoc advisors on projects, initiatives and/or work that may impact their organization or program

COMPOSITION

The Council of Advisors shall be comprised of 20+ strategically positioned individuals from all relevant sectors of the Partnership:

- Early Learning
- K-12 School Districts
- Higher Education
- Youth Serving Community-based Organizations
- Government & Quasi-governmental Agencies
- Business/Industry/Workforce Development

The Council of Advisors shall include representation from organizations of different sizes, demographics, geographic locations, and other factors to ensure a diverse representation from the PMSP region.

EXPECTATIONS

Council of Advisors Members commit to

- A 2-year renewable term
- Responding to requests for input/feedback from the PMSP staff and/or the Executive Leadership Team
- Attending two PMSP events each year
 - One event will be specifically to bring the Council of Advisors together
 - The second event is selected by the Advisor and may include quarterly All Partner Meetings, quarterly Collaboratory Meetings, annual STEMposium, etc.
- Using their organizational influence to advance the work of the Partnership

Council of Advisors Members are encouraged to

- Attend other (non-PMSP) STEM/Educational events as available and of interest, and share learning with PMSP staff and/or the Executive Leadership Team
- Inform PMSP staff and/or the Executive Leadership Team of developments within their sector, community or sphere of influence that may impact the work of the Partnership
- Leverage professional networks to support Partnership initiatives and goals

Amazing things happen when we work together

