February 5, 2023 SD DI Board Meeting

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Those with asterisk were present at this meeting.

Meeting called to order at 8 p.m. CT.

Nearly all of the teams will qualify for the state affiliate.

There are 5 tech teams (2 elementary and 4 middle school)

5 Science (4 elementary, 2 middle)

11 Art (4 elementary, 7 middle school)

4 improve (1 elementary, 3 middle)

12 Engineering (9 elementary, 2 middle, 1 high school)

3 service learning (2 elementary, 1 secondary)

11 Rising Stars

7 unknown

Barb said she sees the value of having the regionals. It helps with the scores and trying to improve.

There was discussion of whether to have the regions due to conflicts, lack of numbers and weather related issues.

On a motion by Paul Kosel, seconded by Hannah Carda to cancel the regional tournaments. All in attendance voted aye. Motion carried.

It is encouraged for schools to have showcase events.

Each first and second place team at the State Affiliate have the right to advance to the Globals.

Rising Stars will all attend the State Affiliate.

Dean will talk with the two Iowa teams about our decision to eliminate the regions. They could attend the state.

Four teams got back to Maria about pin designs.

There was discussion on what needs to be done to prepare for state. Maria will get the binders and signs ready.

Ashley reported April 1st is also the day of the Young Child and maybe that could be incorporated into the state tournament.

Tom Harmon from Pierre has passed away and has done a lot for the State DI. His name needs to be added to the State DI plaque.

Might be another meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

THIS IS AWESOME!