



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jane Eastwood, Tyrize Cox, Elona Street-Stewart, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter, Chris Tolbert, Charles Gill, Mary K Boyd, Mary Jo McGuire

Others Present: Michael Goar (Executive Director – Generation NEXT) and Lexie Prah (Graduate Associate – Generation Next); Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators; Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:18 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Tolbert lit the Children's Fire with a quote from Oliver Wendell Holms, about stretching our minds, because once we do that, our thinking never goes back to its original limitations.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2013 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the March update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. 2014 Grant Making Process

There was discussion of the contract with Wilder Research, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000, to update the data on four indicators for our Youth Master Plan. This data is an integral part of the 2014 grant making process for Learn, Grow, Thrive grantees.

Motion to approve the agreement with Wilder Research to update the data for the Youth Master Plan. Motion approved.

IV. Generation Next

Michael Goar, Executive Director of Generation Next, provided the board with an overview of Generation Next's work on behalf of children/youth in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. He presented the Generation Next Strategic Framework (see <http://www.tcgennext.org> for more information). The Early Literacy and College and Career Networks are about to launch. Both those networks have professional facilitators, as well as conveners. Michael presented the timeline for the first two networks. He explained that Generation Next focuses on practice, not policy/advocacy. There was a point made that a major challenge lies in the delivery system, not just the individual child or family. There was a question raised about the process of convening – if Generation Next can welcome all the voices to the table, and really listen to what they have to say, there will likely be identified the need for very radical changes. There was a question about how the relationship between SPCC and Generation Next will evolve over time. Michael envisions a long-term, collaborative relationship between the two groups.

V. Grad Nation

Grad Nation approved the SPCC application to become part of their network. Before SPCC has the initial phone meeting with the national Grad Nation technical assistance contact, staff recommends that the a working group to focus on high school graduation. A draft member list was presented and discussed. Suggested additions include someone from JDAI (Michael Belton or Keith Allen), FTIP (Kate Richtmann), Indian Education at SPPS (Elona to provide name to staff), Marisol Chiclana-Ayala at Ramsey County, MMEP (Jenifer Godinez). The Board asked that the charge/scope for the Grad Nation work group be narrowed as much as possible, perhaps in consultation with the Grad Nation technical assistance staff and/or the proposed work group members themselves. There was a request that there be a work plan presented to the Board by the July meeting. The board agreed that the proposed work group members.

The draft press release was discussed, and the Board asked staff to customize the press release, then work with Julie to figure out which of the SPCC partners press staff should send it out.

VI. Data Coordination

There was a brief discussion on having a future discussion on the connection between City Span and other data systems (such as ETO for Promise Neighborhood), including disparities in access to data management systems for culturally-specific organizations or across neighborhoods in Saint Paul. Staff will do some planning and have conversations with Commissioner Carter and others to frame that future discussion with the board, perhaps for the June meeting.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Conversation with Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board Executive Director

- Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee: Neighborhood House

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

**Next Board Meeting: May 8, 2013, 8:15 – 10am
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties**