



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Rebecca Noecker, Heather Kilgore, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Daniel Yang

Board Members Absent: Toni Carter, Bruce Thao, Christine Smith, Karri Kerns, Jackie Turner

Staff Present: Laurie Davis and Christa Anders (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators)

Guests Present: Lisa Sayles-Adams (SPPS), Erica Schumacher (Ramsey County Attorney's Office)

Meeting called to order by Vanderwert at 8:07 am.

I. Lighting of the Children's Fire

Anders lit the Children's Fire with some words on the tradition of the Children's Fire, shared originally by former SPCC board member Elona Street-Stewart.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the March update from Advance Consulting and the March finance report. Second. Motion approved.

RECORD OF ELECTRONIC ACTION BY SPCC BOARD

At the December 2017 SPCC Board meeting, the following motion was approved:

Motion to provide a 2018-19 grant to Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood to fill their gap in funding, up to a maximum of \$146,169, pending submission of a budget and rationale for any changes in programming and schedule. Second. Motion approved.

On March 23, staff emailed the board the materials and official request for grant funding from the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood Freedom School. Kearns made the following motion via email:

Motion to authorize funding in the amount of \$146,169 for Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood Freedom School for the 2018-19 grant period. Second by Noecker. Motion approved via email voting between March 26 - 29, 2018.

III. Strategic Planning Input

The Board provided input for the Saint Paul Public Schools [strategic planning](#) process. This was one of many input sessions (30+ so far). Issues mentioned that SPCC could possibly play a role in some issues, including:

- Changing state policy so that PESO and Later Middle College programs don't "harm" the district financially when students who would benefit from those programs actually participate in them.
- Identifying effective approaches being implemented by our community partners and adopting the best pieces in the district settings.

IV. Data Sharing

Erica Schumacher (Ramsey County Attorney's Office) provided an overview of their data sharing project. There was a question about how the project she described relates to the Ramsey County Continuum of Care. This project is a model about how to do work that may not be "high level" or sexy but that addresses real barriers that prevent youth from thriving. Commissioner Carter will likely be on the Joint Powers Board, can be liaison between the SPCC and the Community Innovation Project. Another connection with SPCC is to use the Community Innovation Project data to guide the focus of our next round of Learn, Grow, Thrive grants.

V. SPCC Updates

We will continue work on the SPCC strategic plan at the May meeting. There was a question about whether there has been an active group working on My Brother's Keeper in Saint Paul, because there is a new grant opportunity for active MBK sites, but the SPCC board was not aware of any active efforts.

Meeting adjourned 10:00.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle) - Summer April
- Interfaith's new evaluation tool - Spring 2018
- Sharing information about funding opportunities with community partners
- Met Council come to talk about transportation
- New Chamber president

Next Meeting:

May 9, 2018 from 8:00 - 10am at CAP/RW (450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul)