



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 11, 2013
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Elona Street-Stewart, Charles Gill, Jane Eastwood, Chris Tolbert, Mary Jo McGuire, Jackie Turner (joined 8:40)

Others Present: Chue Vue (incoming Saint Paul School Board member), Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-ordinators); Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:30 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Eastwood lit the Children's Fire with two poems from Rita Dove that remind us of being a child; one about reading and one about flashcards.

II. Consent Agenda

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

III. Freedom School Report

Advance Consulting gave a report on the recently completed evaluation of Freedom School. The report will be posted on our website (www.stpaulkids.org). SPCC funded Freedom School in summer 2013 at \$230,000, which was our second year of funding for the program. Results this year were improved from last year. The most important finding is that the Freedom School participants stopped the summer learning loss, and in fact, the Saint Paul site participants demonstrated gains in reading. Issues to look at more deeply in thinking about next year's Freedom School program: scale; multi-cultural participation (i.e. is this really a multi-cultural model?); summer school only vs. Freedom School added; cost; collaboration (who

are the partners and how many); and the big question of future SPCC investment. Another question that came up was around suspension or expulsion – was that happening; and with which kids; and for what reasons?

IV. 2014 Budget

Fiscal agent Hagen presented a draft budget, which was built using prior year's process. The revenue presented was earned in SFY13 – SPCC does not spend “anticipated” revenue.

There was a question about why the partner contributions are not all the same amount. Staff will try to review materials in the SPCC archives to see if there is any documentation on the original conversations about partner contributions.

Potential proposals for support from SPCC include: Freedom School for summer 2014; Grad Nation proposal to support finding and re-engaging 15 day drop students; youth philanthropy; and summer youth employment.

**Motion to approve the Advance Consulting contract terms for 2014.
Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the draft budget as presented.
Motion approved unanimously.**

V. Nominations for Board: 2014

We need nominees in December. Current officers have not yet served their second of two possible terms. All are willing to serve a second term. Community member Mary K Boyd's term as a Board member expires in December, and she is willing to be nominated for a new term. School Board member Elona Street-Stewart is leaving the School Board and the School Board will likely appoint Jean O'Connell as her replacement to the SPCC. Robert McClain has agreed to be nominated as a Community Representative. Street-Stewart indicated she would be willing to be nominated as a Community Representative for 2015. The Board should be paying attention to community representatives who may be good candidates to be nominated next year and beyond, with particular attention to increasing the ethnic diversity of the Board.

The nominating committee recommends to renew Mary K Boyd's term as a Board Member and nominate Robert McClain as a new board member; and renew the current slate of officers to another one year term.

**Motion to approve the slate as put forward by the Nominating Committee.
Motion approved unanimously.**

VI. Community of Care

Staff will work with Ramsey County and the MN Department of Health to find a speaker to present on Adverse Childhood Experiences and the implications of that research on children and youth in our community. Two recent publications that are relevant include:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2013/12/the-most-crucial-moments-in-a-childs-educational-life/282113/> and

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/blog/anonymous/all-kids-ready-kindergarten-new-report-card-shows-income-and-racial-disparities-threa#.UqgUA1S-kpU.email>

VII. Gratitude to Director Street-Stewart

The Board shared their deepest gratitude for the work that Director Street-Stewart has done through the Children's Initiative and later the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative. Street-Stewart reinforced the importance of the Children's Fire, and the idea that we make all our decisions with children and youth at the center. The most important way to do your work is to do your work, and keep removing yourself from the center.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- R.T. Rybak come to talk about Generation Next
- New grantees presenting on their work; organized by Learn, Grow, Thrive goals, rather than individual grantees
- Youth philanthropy – February 2014

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

**DRAFT 2014 BUDGET
SAINT PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE**

Budget 1/1/14 thru 12/31/14

REVENUE & FUND BALANCE

LCTS Revenue (SFY 2013)	
July thru Sept, 2012 - Actual	95,193
Oct - Dec, 2012 - Actual	255,439
Jan thru March, 2013 - Actual	181,231
April thru June, 2013 - Actual	<u>209,442</u>
Total LCTS Revenue	741,305
Annual Contributions of Partners	
City of St Paul	10,000
County of Ramsey	40,000
Community Action Partnership	10,000
Saint Paul Public Schools	<u>40,000</u>
Total Administrative Revenue	100,000
Misc Recoveries	
Interest	<u>750</u>
	750
Fund Balance	
Net Unrestricted Assets Used	11,800
Net Restricted Assets Used	525,925
TOTAL FINANCING	<u>1,379,780</u>

APPROPRIATIONS

Grants Awarded 11/13/13	900,000
Available for Additional Awards	<u>367,980</u>
Community Agency Grants	1,267,980
Administrative Consultant	100,000
Stipends	1,800
Misc Admin Expenses	<u>10,000</u>
Admin Total	111,800
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>1,379,780</u>

This budget uses all of the available restricted fund balance from previous years.

Note: these numbers do not include LCTS earned in SFY 2014. LCTS revenue from the previous state fiscal year and fund balance are used to fund the current year's budget.