



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

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Toni Carter, Karri Kerns, Christine Smith (joined 8:45), Rebecca Noecker, Bruce Thao, Jackie Turner, Nicole MartinRogers

**Board Members Absent:** Heather Kilgore, Mary Jo McGuire, Daniel Yang

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

**Guests Present:** Brandon Tice, Ignite Afterschool Policy and Communications Manager, and Christine Ganzlin, Ignite Afterschool Board member

**Meeting called to order by Thao at 8:14 am.**

**I. Lighting of the Children's Fire**

Smith lit the Children's Fire by sharing reflections on her time with the SPCC. The children's fire itself is the symbol – that we are all connected, regardless of where we are in the community and the struggles we face.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 13, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the June update from Advance Consulting and the June finance report. Second. Motion approved.**

**III. SPCC Board Membership Actions**

At the June meeting, the Board asked staff to contact Nicole MartinRogers to see if she would be willing to serve as Community Representative to the SPCC board. She was willing and interested in doing so.

**Motion to nominate Nicole MartinRogers to the position of Community Representative. Motion approved.**

Karri Kerns is moving to a new city and thus had to submit her resignation as the CAP/RW designee to the SPCC board. (This was delayed to the end of the meeting.)

**Motion to accept Karri Kerns' resignation from the SPCC Board and thank her for her service. Motion approved, with McClain opposed.**

Karri provided her gratitude for the great work they've been able to do with Saint Paul Public Schools, particularly for children with special needs, and thanked the board for the opportunity to participate.

**IV. Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee Amendment Request**

Grantee PACE has encountered challenges in getting their 2018-19 grant up and running and submitted a request to the board to change the grant period to only 2019, but leave the grant amount the same. Turner pointed out there is a new principal at Vento, so PACE will need to talk to her first. Turner committed that if the new principal at Vento is not interested, she'll help PACE connect with another interested school.

**Motion to accept the request from PACE to delay the start of programming until the 2018-2019 school year. Motion approved.**

Vanderwert expressed concern about whether the program understands the particular of boys' emotional and physical needs. Thao has visited the program and believes they are sensitive to those issues.

**V. SPCC Strategic Focus: Out of School Time**

Brandon Tice, Ignite Afterschool Policy and Communications Manager, and Christine Ganzlin, Ignite Afterschool Board member came to provide the board with background on out of school time, with particular focus on high level policy issues. Turner asked how they define the ages range of OST participants: typically age 5 to 20 years. The SPPS considers 4 year olds to also be in need of OST. Noecker asked how a group like SPCC can leverage our influence in the policy changes that are needed. 21 Century is the largest dedicated federal funding source, established in 1994 with bipartisan support. It is targeted to Title I and allocated based on a formula, with a total of \$1.2 billion. In Minnesota, it is \$8-9M for direct service and technical assistance/infrastructure. Minnesota now has no dedicated state OST funding. Other funding is from CCDF/CCDBG (school-aged care). There is a proposal for Afterschool Community Learning Grants. When Ignite asks providers need, they say they need funding for serving kids – they have support for professional development but need access funding. Ignite's partners in the advocacy include Sprockets, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, greater Minnesota partners including YMCAs, United Ways, etc. In Saint Paul, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants get re-granted through the district, and SPPS uses the funds to support programming in middle school. Questions for SPCC: which grantees get 21<sup>st</sup> Century funds, and which participate in Ignite's technical assistance. Another need is youth policy centralization (now in DEED, public safety, education, etc.). Turner suggested

change in policy to change the age range to include 4 year olds. This is a particular issue on the West Side. For 21<sup>st</sup> Century, that is a federal policy issue. Another issue would be working together to figure out different models of after school programming; for example the duplication of infrastructure across agencies doing OST. National models may include Indianapolis, that go to just one provider. The district explored a hub model on the West Side, but community agencies didn't like that model. Creating efficiencies would be the umbrella term for that. Another challenge is that individual non-profits seek earmarks (the Sanneh Foundation is an example). Noecker asked about advocacy support that would be helpful? Working with Sprockets on shared services model; being part of Allies of Ignite (coming to that table 4-5 times per year). We also have a lot to offer in terms of reach to our partner organizations (SPCC board organization and grantees). More awareness, more stories, legislative site visits to cultivate legislative champions. Lights on After School national day of awareness in October (10/25/18). Out of home placement rates – are they related to “neglect” due to families not having a place to put their young children during non-school hours. Shared services hasn't been part of the state bill. Youthprise provides food across OST programs, for example. Child Prevention at state level has prevention funds that go unspent – if we could make the link between neglect-triggered out of home placement, perhaps we could access that. Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities and Propel both do shared services. Another possibility is ALC funding expansion beyond the allowed 600 hours, so right now, districts have to subsidize OST services for those kids. Thao asked if there is a funders' table focused on OST – Brandon said Sheltering Arms has been convening the Youth Funders' Network (Bremer, Youthprise, United Way, Sheltering Arms). That may be a place for SPCC to contribute. Thao asked about whether Ignite focuses on culturally-relevant programming. It is one of the building blocks in Ignite's approach in [Believe It, Build It](#). Noecker asked if we could hear from lobbyists and legislators who are both supportive and not supportive. Sam Walseth is the Ignite lobbyist and he could do that. We could invite Ann DeGroot to come and talk about the YCB's effort to secure funding.

As directed at the June meeting, staff drafted a document (included in board packet) containing the new vision, mission, guiding principles and the strategic focus areas for 2018 and 2019 for SPCC.

**Motion to approve the mission, vision, guiding principles and focus areas for 2018-19 SPCC activity. Motion approved.**

## **VI. SPCC Administrative Support**

Chair Thao sent a request for members of a subcommittee for performance review of administrative support of SPCC. The members will be McClain, Tho, and MartinRogers.

**Meeting adjourned 9:55.**

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle) – Summer

Lower priority/pending strategic planning results

- Interfaith's new evaluation tool – Spring 2018
- New Chamber president

**Next Meeting:**

**September 12, 2018 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW (450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul)**

**SUMMER BREAK: NO MEETING IN AUGUST!!**