



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jane Eastwood, Mary Jo McGuire, Carol Dawson, Tyrize Cox, Elona Street-Stewart, Jackie Turner

Others Present: Allison Churilla and Peter Mathison (Wilder Research); Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators); Mike Hagen (SPCC Fiscal Agent)

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:24 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Turner lit the Children's Fire with a reading of statements about the status of St. Paul Public School students, with great news about significant improvement on a number of important outcomes for African American students; she stated that many of the outcomes for other youth of color also improved. This is evidence that the work we're doing together here and in the community is making a difference.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 8, 2013 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the May update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Youth Master Plan –Data & 2014 RFP

Allison Churilla from Wilder Research provided the board with the one-year update on the Youth Master Plan data. The new data will be posted on the SPCC website.

There was a discussion about how/if to publicize this data. There should be formal presentations to the School Board, County Board, City Council, Mayor's Education Leadership Team.

There was a decision in some cases to present actual numbers along with percentages, especially when representing small populations, to make sure that the data properly reflect scale and are transparent, actually reflecting all communities.

There was a discussion also about how this data should direct our grant making. The board was encouraged to contact staff with any ideas between now and the July meeting. There was also discussion about setting aside a portion of the grant funds to proactively seek out projects that address areas of specific concern.

IV. Youth Commission Grant Making Partnership

As directed by the SPCC Board, staff spent the last month exploring opportunities to engage in some form of youth directed grant making. The Saint Paul Youth Commission is very interested in this partnership. This would provide benefit to both the members of the Youth Commissioner, as well as the SPCC Board. Staff also consulted with Youthprise about their experience with youth grant making, and they are willing to make St. Paul a pilot site for their next round of youth-directed grant making, and to provide matching funds.

Motion to proceed with the St. Paul Youth Commission and Youthprise to allocate \$15,000 toward the youth directed grant making program, details of the process to be established and reported to the Board. Motion approved.

V. Grad Nation

There was an update on the Grad Nation Workgroup in the Advance Consulting update for May.

Motion to issue community representatives of the Grad Nation Workgroup with stipends for their work on that project. Motion approved.

As part of the national Grad Nation community, Saint Paul is able to participate in a national study looking at why young people drop out of school. Focus groups will be held on July 10 at Jimmy Lee Rec Center.

The Work Group will operate as a collective impact model, so the long-term vision would be to align SPCC grant making to support the work over time.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee: Neighborhood House
- Promise Neighborhood update
- Overview of child welfare system in Ramsey County

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

[AGENDA ITEM 3: YOUTH DIRECTED GIVING]

Proposal: Direct a small portion (\$10,000 to \$15,000) of the 2014 LCTS grant funds to the Saint Paul Youth Commission to be used for Youth Directed Giving. This work would be done in partnership with the Youth Philanthropy Fund of YouthPrise. Youthprise would match the SPCC contribution.

About the Saint Paul Youth Commission: (Per webpage at <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=391>.)

The Saint Paul Youth Commission is the place for young people in Saint Paul to have a voice at City Hall. Youth Commissioners practice youth adult partnership with other Saint Paul youth, city officials, and community organizations to solve community issues and make Saint Paul the most livable city in America. Youth Commissioners do this by leading community action projects. The Youth Commission is made up of 22 youth from neighborhoods across Saint Paul. Youth serve for two year terms and meet weekly. Youth are provided with food and a bus pass. The budget for the Youth Commission is \$5,000 per year. Megan Mueller, employee of St Paul Park and Recreation, supports the Youth Commission.

Youth Commissioners identify several projects to work on in any given year. They have tackled serious issues that Saint Paul youth face, design innovative solutions and work with youth and adults to make the solutions happen. They help ensure that all youth in Saint Paul have places to get involved, learn, play and make a difference in their community, impact citywide policies and meet government representatives and strengthen their leadership skills and ensure strong youth voice in Saint Paul.

About the Youth Philanthropy Fund and Youthprise: (Per webpage at <http://www.youthprise.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Youth-Philanthropy-Fund.pdf>) Youthprise is a nonprofit intermediary founded in 2010 to increase the quality, accessibility, sustainability and innovation of opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. Youthprise aims for Minnesota to lead the nation in accelerating leadership and innovation for learning beyond the classroom.

To pursue this mission, Youthprise established a youth philanthropy fund where young people are the key decision-makers. Youth identify innovative strategies and make strategic investments that address issues and concerns relevant to them and their communities. The Youth Philanthropy Fund is not just about giving grants, it fosters authentic youth engagement that provides youth with an opportunity to learn new skills in leadership, teamwork, decision-making, problem solving, communication, and financial stewardship.

Youth redefined philanthropy is (1) A collaborative process in which youth, driven by their love for others, lead the allocation and redistribution of resources – time, talent, treasure, funding, skills, stories, and ideas- toward the just and authentic enrichment of young people. (2) Young people's deep identification with their communities and their drive to co-create a new reality.

Through the fund, Youthprise seeks to fundamentally change society's perceptions of young people, repositioning them as vital community assets worthy of investment and capable of pioneering systems change. Young people are vital resources and contributors – essential to solving the world's biggest problems.

Libby Rau, Youthprise Director of Youth Engagement, is interested in replicating their Youth Philanthropy Fund with two other sites and willing to make Saint Paul one of those sites.

Next Steps: If the Board gives approval to move forward with development, we would bring together the Saint Paul Youth Commission and YouthPrise and work out the details and timeline for how this would work.