



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Toni Carter, Karri Kerns, Daniel Yang (joined 9am)

Board Members Absent: Christine Smith, Rebecca Noecker, Bruce Thao, Jackie Turner, Heather Kilgore

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

Guests Present: None

Meeting called to order by Carter at 8:14 am.

I. Lighting of the Children's Fire

Vanderwert lit the Children's Fire by sharing thoughts about the children in our city. I dare you to think bigger, act bigger and your impact will be bigger. Thinking bigger requires banding together with others to achieve big things – having no limitations, no fears.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 9, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the May update from Advance Consulting and the May finance report. Second. Motion approved.

III. Community Representative Nomination

Christine Smith, Community Representative to the board, has encountered a conflict with our current board meeting time. We polled the board after the May meeting to see if we could find an alternative meeting time that worked for all, but there was not an option that worked for all.

Motion to accept Christine Smith's resignation from the SPCC Board and thank her for her service.

There was agreement that we should go back to our previous list of nominees and see if we can find a new community representative. Staff will change the process so that we maintain a slate for any time an opening occurs, and put notice of that on our website.

IV. Youth Transportation

Anders sent the requested memo to Gary Cunningham, Met Council Board member, summarizing work on the issue of allowing SPPS students to access Metro Transit as an alternative to school buses. There needs to be a request from Commissioners McGuire and Carter with the Regional Railroad Authority to have the county actively advocate for this. In a year, SPPS is going to change start times for high schools. Using Metro transit is budget neutral for the district because the district has to buy the passes. Staff will put a one-pager together on this issue for the County Commissioners and they will use it to make a formal request of the Regional Railroad Authority.

V. Strategic Planning for SPCC

At the May SPCC board meeting, Mayor Carter asked for a recommendation from the SPCC on the specifics of how we might work together. A subgroup including Noecker, Yang, Turner and staff met recently and discussed some options to share with the board. The Saint Paul Public Schools will share strategic objectives in July. Staff walked through the outcome of the subcommittee meeting, including the fact that Mayor Carter's focus is the Child Savings Account project implementation.

From the subcommittee, there were two key issues identified that may be solid priorities for SPCC: out-of-school time (funding, policy) and more effective identification of young children for the purpose of connecting them to services.

The identification of children, from the SPCC perspective, must be from the perspective of prevention/support for children/families. The SPCC could approach this, at least initially, through work on the College Savings Accounts project at the City and the Pritzker-funded birth-3 year planning. SPCC will be represented on the working group for Pritzker through staff involvement, as well as a number of SPCC board members also involved in Pritzker. Ramsey County has also asked Advance Consulting to enter into a separate small contract to draft the final report to Pritzker for the County. The Ramsey County Youth Continuum of Care is another place where we can work on this focus, so for the time being, we should continue involvement there.

For the OST focus, how would it work/what would it mean for SPCC? It would be a chance to connect grantees, Community of Care, policy/funding advocacy agenda. Need to set a vision – is it that more OST happens in schools (to avoid duplication), align with Parks and Recreation (perhaps bringing someone from Parks and Rec to the SPCC table), etc. There is a need to make sure youth throughout the city have the opportunity to connect with OST programming (funding, directory, transportation, etc.).

As we adopt these focus areas, SPCC must be clear about who IS focusing on the goals that are not prioritized by SPCC. Example would be high school graduation, and shifting our Youth Master Plan data to Generation Next (with the exception of health care coverage and child abuse/neglect). Need to continue leveraging the Community of Care to share information the community.

Staff will write up the mission, vision, guiding principles and the focus areas in one document for the board. The board can review and vote on that focus at the July meeting. Vanderwert cautioned that we need to be clear about how these focus areas contribute to a more coordinated system.

VI. SPCC Administrative Support

In 2017, the board agreed to revisit the issue of administrative support for the Collaborative in May of each year. Advance Consulting prepared an overview of activities and accomplishments from June 2017 – May 2018 to share with the board. Advance Consulting left the meeting to allow Board to discuss their preferences for administrative support for 2019. The board talked about the current status of the SPCC, and the impending changes based on the strategic focus, and that Advance Consulting is integral to that work. Vote of confidence and thanks from the board. Board Chair should send the summary of the past year's work to the board for feedback from those not here today. Board subcommittee should develop a process for an annual evaluation of the administrative support of the SPCC. McClain should be on the subcommittee, as well as the Chair. Also need to allow time for board to self-assess periodically. Need contractor to disclose all other contracts in an official way (conflict of interest form). Also need to explore closer involvement of youth voice, perhaps through a VISTA. Could use Saint Paul Youth Commission, perhaps attend summer meetings.

VII. Board Updates

Karri Kerns is moving to Arizona and leaving her position at CAP/RW.

Meeting adjourned 10:05.

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:

July 11, 2018 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW (450 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul)

SUMMER BREAK: NO MEETING IN AUGUST!!