



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
8:15- 10am @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Dawson, Jane Eastwood, Tyrize Cox, Denise Stahura (CAP/RW designee), Elona Street-Stewart, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter

**Others Present:** Rev. Patricia Lull (St. Paul Area Council of Churches); Kari Denissen-Cunniën (Sprockets); Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinator); Mike Hagen (St. Paul – Ramsey County Public Health – Fiscal Agent)

**Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 8:22 am.**

**I. Call to Order and Children's Fire**

Street-Stewart lit the Children's Fire with words from *Teach Like Your Hair's On Fire*. The passage was about teaching kids to effectively study. In part, it's our role to help them be realistic about the actual consequences of their performance on tests – rather focus on the real importance of learning, focus on measuring growth, not comparing children to one another.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

**III. Current Community Member Re-Appointment**

Two of the current Community Representatives on the Board were not renewed at the Annual Meeting, so action is needed. Both have agreed to be nominated for another three-year term.

**Motion to appoint Carol Dawson and Rev. Charles Gill as Community Representatives to the SPCC Board for a three-year term. Motion approved.**

**IV. St. Paul Area Council of Churches/Freedom School**

Rev. Lull, Executive Director of the SPACC, provided the board with an overview of the plans for this summer's Freedom School. She began with an overview of her background, then background on SPACC, then last year's Freedom School program. This year, SPACC will provide the infrastructure for Freedom School, which is a very collaborative effort this summer. One of the challenges is to shift the Freedom School culture to combine the Promise Neighborhood, the SPACC Freedom School, and other key partners to create something new. The reading goal for this summer is that kids with regular attendance will maintain or improve their reading skills over the summer. The regular attendance goal may shift now that many more kids will be enrolled. The goal is 80% of participants will participate 24 of 30 days. It is also important to maintain the engaging environment in Freedom School, as well as think about how we change the rest of the educational environment to adopt some of the strengths of Freedom School.

**V. Proposal for 2014 Grant Making**

Advance Consulting walked through their proposed timeline for 2014 Learn, Grow, Thrive grant making (see attached timeline). The board was amenable to the process proposed. There was a suggestion to have a Community of Care meeting in July to share Learn, Grow, Thrive data and announce the RFP process. There was discussion that extra weight/credit to programs that are in Sprockets data system, but not make it a requirement. Sprockets is taking in their next cohort of programs (20-30) into the data system in spring 2013, so programs would need to enter then to meet that expectation. The board agreed to finalize the RFP and process at the April meeting.

**Motion to accept the timeline proposed for 2014/15 with the addition of a Community of Care meeting in July. Motion approved.**

**VI. Out-of-School-Time Data**

Kari Denissen-Cunnien gave the Board an overview of the Sprockets Network Data Report. The current scope of Sprockets includes programs providing during school and out of school services, although Sprockets data analysis focuses on out-of-school-time. Individual children's data can be tracked by the various programs the child attends. Programs can see aggregated St. Paul Public School data on the children they serve, but not individual child data. Kari described the various "buckets" of data that are contained in Sprockets: aggregate school data; participation and demographic info on participants through CitySpan, which is managed by Wilder; Youth Program Quality Assessment (YPQA); and Survey of After-School Youth Outcomes (SAYO). There was a request that Kari be on the Learn, Grow, Thrive grant review committee again this time. Sprockets is also

designed to look at system-level performance, which is another conversation to have with the SPCC Board.

### **VII. Generation Next/Project Reset**

Advance Consulting and Eastwood provided an update on progress at Generation Next. The Early Literacy and College/Career Readiness networks are about to launch. Facilitators and Conveners are being selected, and Networks will launch in April. There will be a new Program Committee convened to provide guidance on the program side of Generation Next. Tyrize Cox helped Gen Next convene a group of St. Paul parents, and they are meeting March 20 at 360 Colborne.

Project Reset is a new initiative of The Minneapolis Foundation, focused on education reform. See: <http://www.reseteducation.org>. It is currently a Minneapolis-focused effort.

### **VIII. Conflict of Interest Policy**

Copies of the SPCC Conflict of Interest Policy were distributed. There was discussion of the need for all members to make verbal disclosure of any potential conflicts, particularly when they relate to grants.

### **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- Generation Next – Executive Director Michael Goar (April)
- Conversation with Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board Executive Director
- Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee: Neighborhood House
- Finalize 2014/15 Grant Making Process
- Comparison/connection between Sprockets and other systems (such as ETO for Promise Neighborhood)

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

**Next Board Meeting: April 10, 2013, 8:15 – 10am  
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties**

**[AGENDA ITEM FOUR: 2014 GRANTMAKING RECOMMENDATION]  
TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR 2014 Grants**

**Recommendation from Staff:** We are proposing a similar Request for Proposal process as we used for the 2012/2013 grants. We would issue an RFP and ask people for proposals to respond to our Learn, Grow, Thrive goals. The focus would again be African American and American Indian children (unless our review of the data suggests otherwise). Because we are not satisfied with the current grantees' results in reaching American Indian children, we would also work to identify proven programs serving American Indian children and work with them to submit proposals. Because we also have not been satisfied with the level of evaluation data and outcomes, we recommend considering giving additional weight to those programs which are part of the Sprockets data base. This would obviously only apply to those programs whose services include out-of-school time work. A proposed timeline is below.

We are recommending 24-month grants, similar to the current grants. The funds available for these grants would be those that have accrued during 2012 and 2013 fiscal years. The Board may wish to consider fewer grants of larger amounts.

Even though we understand the preference to get all LCTS grantees on the same grant cycle, we do not recommend funding the 2014 Freedom School during this proposed grant effort. Any subsequent funding should be dependent on positive evaluation results. Those results will not be available until after these proposals are due.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activities</b>
March	Proposed timeline and process presented to SPCC Board
April	Refine proposal and process
June	Year II data available
July	Finalize timeline and process; July 15, release RFP and hold information meeting for Community of Care
August	Proposals due August 30
September	Review proposals
October	Site visits
November	SPCC decision re grantees
December	Contract negotiation and execution
January 2014	Contracts begin