



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
8:00– 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Alfreda Flowers, Mary Vanderwert, Rebecca Noecker, Bruce Thao, Jackie Turner, Nicole MartinRogers, Daniel Yang

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Jo McGuire, Toni Carter, Molly Cave, Heather Kilgore

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

**Guests Present:** Marcus Pope and Alejandra Lemus-Rivera (Youthprise), Erik Skold (Sprockets), Matt Hill (representing Commisioner Carter)

**Meeting called to order by Thao at 8:10 am.**

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

Turner lit the Children's Fire by sharing reflections on her time with the SPCC, acknowledging and thanking the board for this work, with some reflections on her time with the SPCC, encouraging us to keep going strong. The board expressed their thanks to her for all her devoted and impactful service.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2018 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the August update from Advance Consulting and the August finance report. Second. Motion approved.**

**III. Board Transitions**

Jackie Turner has transitioned into a new job leading operations with Saint Paul Schools, and will no longer represent the Superintendent on the SPCC Board. Cedrick Baker (chief of staff and engagement lead) will step into that role. The board is very grateful to Chief Turner for her leadership and contributions to the SPCC since 2012. Since Kearns left

CAP/RW, Dr. Hightower has asked Molly Cave to represent CAP/RW until a new Head Start director is hired. We welcome both Cedrick and Molly to the board.

**Motion to accept Jackie Turner’s resignation from the SPCC Board. Motion approved with some voting against the motion.**

**Motion to accept Molly Cave as CAP/RW representative to the board and Cedrick Baker as SPPS Superintendent representative. Motion approved.**

#### **IV. Erik Focus on Out of School Time Policy**

Erik Skold (Sprockets) and Marcus Pope and Alejandra Lemus-Rivera (Youthprise) provided the Board with an overview of Sprockets and policy issues related to Out of School time programs.

Sprockets’ focus on providing OST programs with reliable information is very relevant to SPCC. They have data on participation, quality, youth outcomes, and program experience qualitative data. All the Sprockets tools are provided to OST programs without charge, if they’re interested in using them. They encourage programs using the tools to share best practices and benchmark with one another. If programs have completed the “assess” and “plan” phases of the Acitvator Improvement Cycle with Sprockets and submitted an improvement plan, they are considered an “activator” organization. Question that we could ask grant applicants: Are you a Sprockets Activator? (30 organizations currently, some of which include multiple programs). Erik shared the Equitable Access report on OST programs in St. Paul. Question about how OST participation in St. Paul compares to other jurisdictions. Could we look at data on where OST programs are offered (mapping data). Erik stressed the importance of focusing on policies to provide more funding for OST: Afterschool Community Learning Grants and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers. We may need to consider other state funding streams that could support these programs.

Question: Do we have data on the academic outcomes for students who are participating in OST vs. non-participants? We have local data showing that OST program participation impacts school attendance. How do we work with programs so they can work on improvement, but not feel like it is a “gotcha” situation. We need to think about what outcomes we should expect from OST programs (i.e. is it fair/realistic to expect change in MCA scores?).

Marcus talked about Youthprise (funding intermediary) and shared materials. Learning/leadership development, economic opportunity for young people, and health/safety. Youthprise focuses on mobilizing and investing resources. He talked about MN Education Tax Credit and the pilot they are doing in Northfield to provide “loans” to low-income families to access afterschool programs by providing the credit upfront. They would like to change the Tax Credit income thresholds to allow more low-income families to access it. Another issue: Youthprise has to pay tax on the “prepared food” they make available to non-profits. Youth employment policy: youth on public assistance (or families

on public assistance), work income reduces their income. Ways for SPCC to support the policy changes:

- individuals on the board can advocate with elected representatives,
- organizations represented here can support the Youthprise legislative agenda.
- Reconnect around the tax credit pilot.

One issue with the tax credit – there is all that unused state money and we make the most vulnerable families jump through so many hoops to access the money. Nutrition program – opportunity to address oral health. Need for St. Paul – specific youth report card on how youth are doing.

Next steps: stay connected to YouthPrise and Sprockets as they develop their legislative agendas, share with SPCC organizational partners for consideration of inclusion in their own legislative agendas, individual advocacy, and more.

#### **V. Staff Update**

Staff gave a brief update on the SPCC work since our July meeting. Details contained in the update in the board packet.

#### **Meeting adjourned 10:05.**

Ideas for agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle) – Summer
- Interfaith's new evaluation tool – Spring 2018
- New Chamber president
- Minnesota Compass and Generation Next– present on St. Paul specific data (what's available, what's missing)

**Next Meeting:**

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