



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Jean O'Connell, Tyrize Cox, Mary Jo McGuire, Robert McClain, Jane Eastwood, Deb Moses, Mary K Boyd

Staff Present: Christa Anders and Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinators); Mike Hagen (Fiscal Agent)

Guests: Lisa Thao (SPPS – Office of Equity), Director Chue Vue (Saint Paul Board of Education), Stacey Gray-Akyea (SPPS – Research and Evaluation)

Meeting called to order by O'Connell at 8:20 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Eastwood lit the Children's Fire with words about how we get busy thinking about adults, and trying to get them to do their work differently, often missing actually interacting with youth. The challenges of doing that work while keeping youth top of mind. There are ways that makes sense, since adults cause most of the problems faced by our youth.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the June 10, 2015 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the July update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

There was discussion about whether SPPS could help Head Start assign MMARS numbers to Head Start students. Stacey Gray-Akyea from SPPS thought that would not be a problem.

There was also discussion with the Board about the recent allegations about SPCC grantee Breaking Free. At this point, we believe they are spending our grant funds in accordance with the grant agreement and staff will keep the Board apprised as more information becomes available.

III. Data Discussion

Stacey Gray-Akyea and Lisa Thao from SPPS presented student outcome data, disaggregating the “Asian” population, from the 2013-14 school year. In 2014, SPPS formed an Asian Affinity Group for staff, which eventually made the request for disaggregation of Asian data. They presented the demographics Asian students, school enrollment patterns, school climate/interactions, achievement patterns and college/career readiness. It is important to note that there are actually three indicators for “Asian” students: race/ethnicity; home language; and ELL services receipt. Staff documented questions to send to Stacey for response. The revised PPT and response will be distributed to the board.

IV. Youth Master Plan

Tabled until September meeting.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- Kent Pekel from Search Institute– caring adults
- Ramsey Interagency Early Intervention Council – Help Me Grow, SPPN Screening Group and GenNext Screening work group
- Michael Rodriguez from the UM on Minnesota Student Survey (social emotional, connection to one or more caring adults, etc.)
- Attendance Barrier – Chemical Use/Abuse by Students
- Invite David Pinto to board meeting.
- Child Protection Services Redesign report from Commissioner Carter (October)
- MCA data and Kindergarten Entry Assessment Plans from SPPS REA

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Next meeting: September 9, 2015 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW