



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

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

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

Guests Present: John Lindner (SPPS); Michelle Ford (Brooklyn Center Community Schools); Corey Tramm (MDE); Chad Maxa (District 287)

Meeting called to order by O'Connell at 8:25 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Deb Moses lit the Children's Fire with words about Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is often focused on social justice. The three blessings: thank god for the miracle (good deed) of light; thankful for the good deeds of our ancestors; and thankful that we made it through the year!

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the November 11, 2015 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the November update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Data Presentations and Discussion

John Lindner from Saint Paul Public Schools presented the most recent MCA data to the Board. Requests for future analysis – year to year student growth; and ACT score results. Concern about all results, including that our white students are not even performing at the level that we'd expect and want to see. Question: what could we be doing to tap into the way that kids today want and need to learn.

Michelle Ford, Corey Tramm and Chad Maxa presented information on the Student Data Backpack proposal. Many big questions: which data elements would be shared (and how would they be defined); who has access; how is data going to be used? State of Massachusetts is in their 3rd and final year of development of a similar system, and they are willing to share the work with Minnesota. It would have to be a two way street of data sharing – data has to come back to the districts in usable format, in real time. There is a need to engage parents in the discussion of how to create this kind of Data Backpack. Issue of whether behavior data get transferred or not. Another issue of whether the receiving district and teachers use the data to support the student.

IV. SPCC Administration

Nomination of Board Members and Officers

Two community board representatives have terms expiring in December (Dawson and Gill). In addition, all officer serve one-year terms, maximum of two consecutive terms. Current officers are eligible for one additional term.

Motion to appoint a the current slate of officers for a second term in 2016: O'Connell as Chair, McClain as Vice Chair, McGuire as Treasurer, and Tolbert as Secretary. Motion approved.

Nominating committee has not yet had a chance to invite new community board members. They will bring nominations to the January meeting.

Financial Reports

The board received the monthly financial report from the Fiscal Agent.

2016 Budget

The SPCC Fiscal Agent prepared a draft 2016 budget, which was presented to the board. Eastwood noted that the City hasn't passed their budget yet, nor has the County (December 16). The SPPS has increased their contribution. If the additional dollars do not get approved by County and City, the 2016 budget will need to be amended.

Motion to approve the 2016 budget as submitted by the fiscal agent. Motion approved.

V. Gratitude and Reflections

Rev. Charles Gill and Carol Dawson served as SPCC board members since October 2009, and have reached the end of their allowable terms. The Board expressed gratitude for their service to the children and youth of St. Paul and asked each to share some reflections on their time with the SPCC.

Rev. Gill began by thanking the Board for allowing him to serve. The experience has opened his eyes to the fact that his personal experience in education was not the

reality for many students today. The further he went in his education journey, the better he did, culminating in his doctorate. The purpose for education is not the same for everyone – it's also about the “business of education.” He also learned about the life profit around education. Here at the SPCC, it's given him a glimpse of what it takes to have a positive impact on a community's education potential, and given him a greater sense of hope that change is possible when working together.

Dawson will come to the next meeting to share her reflections!

VI. Updates from the Board and Items for Future Meetings

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- Early Learning Focus: Screening, SPPS KEP Plans, Gen Next K Readiness Plan (invite Rep. Pinto)
- Social/Emotional Focus: Michael Rodriguez from the UM on Minnesota Student Survey, Kent Pekel from Search Institute on connection to caring adults
- Generation Next annual data update (R.T. Rybak or Jonathan May)
- Add sharing information to each agenda
- Results Based Accountability – NdCAD, Deb Moses, Toni Carter to talk about that framework and how it may fit the SPCC's work.
- SPPS data on ACT scores?

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

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