



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Bruce Thao, Mary Jo McGuire, Mary Vanderwert, Heather Kilgore, Jackie Turner, Karri Kerns, Peter Grafstrom, Alfreda Flowers, Toni Carter

**Missing:** Rebecca Noecker, Anna Ross

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

**Facilitators:** Gevonee Ford (NdCAD)

**Visitors:** None

**Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:23 am.**

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

Thao lit the Children's Fire with this [video](#) of Malala Yousafzai, explaining her passion for education and how she lives that passion. He reminded us that it is up to us to fiercely guard the rights of children who may have less of a voice right now.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2017 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.**

Note that the fiscal report for 2016 year end was not available by meeting time, and will be sent to the board as soon as received from fiscal agent.

**III. 2018-19 Grant Making Process**

Staff presented a draft timeline and process for the next grant making cycle, for 2018-19 grants.

Staff presented a proposal from Wilder Research to update the SPCC Youth Master Plan data in preparation for the next round of grant making. Staff will send the previous RFP and the LCTS Spending Guidelines to the board. There was a question about whether any other vendor could do the data update for the Youth Master Plan. There was discussion about the rate being reasonable and there is confidence that they can get the analysis done by April. There was general agreement with the timeline presented.

**Motion to approve the contract with Wilder to update the Youth Master Plan data (bid dated January 26, 2017) – total cost should not exceed \$6,000. Motion approved.**

Discussion about whether there should be a pool of grant funding for start-up, new innovations or the smaller “mom and pop” shop organizations. Other questions: How are grantees proposing to help families get connected and move away from isolation.

#### **IV. Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee Presentation**

Gevonee Ford, Executive Director of Network for the Development of Children of African Descent, a current Learn, Grow, Thrive grantee, presented an overview of NdCAD and an update on the progress toward grant objectives. They focus on helping the child become competent in their own culture, with the cultural competence of the workers being secondary. Issues with 2016 grant: There were an increased number of children coming to NdCAD further behind than in previous years. Fear and concerns from parents about sending children to any after school programs.

#### **V. Sharing & Discussion**

Thao attended the community forum organized by Students for Education Reform re: School Resource Officers. The community would like to have a response from the district – Turner has apologized directly to the organizer. Turner acknowledged it was a missed opportunity by the district. She talked about the district’s efforts to move beyond sessions where problems are just discussed but there is no resulting action. Thao talked about creating a space so that SPPS can share what’s happening with the community.

Graduation adornment update from school board – last night they agreed to try it at a couple schools this year, making the policy clear in advance and getting items approved in advance. Turner suggested that there may be an equity component to that decision, to make sure that the adornments are not just another opportunity for disparities in access for students who cannot afford additional items.

**Meeting adjourned 10:19.**

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA); Eastside middle school proposal (Turner) – AFTER March 2017
- Ramsey County Attorney – Triad, juvenile justice, school violence
- Talk about data disaggregation at future meeting

**Next meeting: March 8, 2017 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW**