



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

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

Staff Present: Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinator); Beth Leindecker (Fiscal Agent)

Guests Present: Michael Rodriguez, Ph.D. (University of Minnesota)

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

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Jean O'Connell lit the Children's Fire with a reflection about how we set priorities for our children. Our focus needs to be on having child-focused conversation, rather than adult-focused conversation.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2016 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the January update from Advance Consulting and the January financial report. Motion approved.

III. Social/Emotional Development Presentations and Discussion

Michael Rodriguez from the University of Minnesota gave a presentation on social emotional development in children/youth. The Minnesota Student Survey will be administered again this spring (every 3 years). Disparities in social/emotional capacity are 1/3 or less of those in academic outcomes. Positive identity, social competence and commitment to learning are the three social/emotional skill areas adopted by Generation Next. There are also 3 developmental supports – empowerment; family/community support; and teacher support. And

developmental challenges: family and school violence; bullying and being bullied; and mental distress. Dr. Rodriguez provided a handout of SPPS-specific data on social/emotional outcomes. Boyd asked if there is a way to put this information into a format that is really accessible to the community, not just policy and education “insiders.” Focus on helping parents see assets, not feeling blamed, and encouraging them about the importance of promoting cultural identity in their kids. The data is very, very clear that the “problem” is not students’ commitment to learning. Another question is whether someone is digging deeper into the data to understand, for example, the differences between Hmong and Somali families.

IV. SPCC Administration

Nomination of Board Members

Two community board representatives had terms expire in December. The Nominating Committee has spoken with several potential candidates. Boyd made the point that we need to insure that the African American community continues to be represented when her term and McClain’s terms expire. One of the community spots is an alternate, and O’Connell suggested that we may want to review and revise our Bylaws. There was a question of whether the Alternate represents ANY community representative who is absent or ANY member who is missing. We will get advice from our Ramsey County Attorney about the process for amending the bylaws.

Motion to appoint Anna Ross and Bruce Thao as community representative/community representative alternative, with the alternate to be determined. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to specify that the Alternate community representative be allowed to vote in place of any board member who is absent from a board member. Motion approved unanimously.

Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantees: Final Reports

Staff summarized the final reports from the nine Learn, Grow, Thrive grantees for 2014-15. Overall, results were very positive. Full reports from all grantees are available upon request. McGuire asked that we consider the information presented by Dr. Rodriguez on social-emotional development in our next round of grant making.

Invoicing for Partner Contributions

Fiscal Agent would like a motion from the board to invoice all partners for 2016 contributions.

Motion to invoice City, County, District, and CAP for partner contributions. Motion approved.

AmeriCorp Request from SPPS

Cox presented a request for SPCC support for matching funds for work with American Indian students through an AmeriCorps member working with the SPPS Office of Family Engagement and Community Partnership, to focus on capacity building to align the existing American Indian focused work in the district. There was discussion that this is not an allowable LCTS expense, and cannot be funded by SPCC.

The board then had discussion about Vista vs. AmeriCorps Promise Fellow. The challenge with AmeriCorps is recruiting interested American Indian candidates. The District submitted an application for Promise Fellow for next year, and if they found an appropriate candidate and had their application approved, they would need the matching funds.

Motion to provide \$7,200 in matching funds for the 2016-17 Promise Fellow at St. Paul Public Schools to work with American Indian students and their families, should that position be filled with a qualified candidate. Motion approved.

V. Board Updates and Connections and Items for Future Meetings

- Paper Tigers Screening – February 18 3 – 5:30 at Wellstone Center
- MEEP Annual Meeting
- Everybody's In – April 16, 2016 – more info coming from Mary K Boyd

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)
- 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: March 9, 2016 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW