



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, January 13, 2016  
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Jean O'Connell, Mary Jo McGuire, Jane Eastwood, Robert McClain, Deb Moses, Rebecca Noecker, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter

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

**Guests Present:** R.T. Rybak and Jonathan May (Generation Next), Catherine Allen (intern); Chris Tolbert and Carol Dawson (departing SPCC board members)

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

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

Chris Tolbert lit the Children's Fire with a welcome to CM Noecker and thanks for the opportunity to serve on this Board. He shared a quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt. *"We can't always build a future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."*

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2015 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the December update from Advance Consulting and the December financial report. Motion approved.**

**III. Data Presentations and Discussion**

R.T. Rybak and Jonathan May presented the [annual report](#) data from Generation Next. They are focused on disaggregating data to the maximum extent possible while not compromising the privacy of the students.

Generation Next walked through the Annual Report data, and the board provided the following suggestions/comments:

Kindergarten Readiness: Head Start would be a good place to test the texting program, with Policy Council members. Consider Eastside St. Paul for targeting the LFCC supports.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading: Consider focusing the external interventions (like tutors) on kids in the bubble, to free up teachers to focus on kids who are way below grade level.

High School Graduation: This is still a challenge in SPPS, but we're making progress here. Make sure parents have access to the information on their students "on track" status.

#### **IV. SPCC Administration**

##### *Nomination of Board Members and Secretary*

Two community board representatives had terms expire in December. The City Council board seat previously held by CM Tolbert is now held by CM Noecker, leaving a vacancy in the Treasurer position.

##### **Motion to appoint Deb Moses as the Secretary for a one year term beginning right now.**

The nominations of the new community representative and alternate community representative are ongoing. We need to consider having more age and gender diversity. The nominating committee will work on this over the next month.

The grant agreements are almost all in place. Staff suggested that we work on a press release to share the good news about our grants. County and City PR staff will help and Eastwood will make the introduction.

#### **V. Gratitude and Reflections**

Carol Dawson served as SPCC board member since October 2009, and reached the end of her allowable terms in December. The Board expressed gratitude for her service to the children and youth of St. Paul and asked her to share some reflections on her time with the SPCC. She thanked Mary K Boyd for bringing her into the Board. One of the benefits is connecting parts of the community that don't normally connect. She suggested more opportunity for the board to get to know one another. The spoke of the grant review process as a way to get to know your community better. Another idea – more direct input from youth about their needs and concerns and hopes. Also consider a reunion of SPCC former board members.

#### **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
- 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: February 9, 2015 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW**