



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo McGuire, Robert McClain, Toni Carter, Mary K Boyd, Anna Ross, Jackie Turner, Jane Eastwood (departing), Peter Grafstrom (new)

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

Guests Present: Gevonee Ford (NdCAD), Kate Probert Fagundes and Leigh Ann Ahmad (Ramsey County Workforce Solutions)

Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:20 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Jackie Turner lit the Children's Fire by reading a poem called *The Sun Will Shine* as a message of resilience in light of all that's been happening in our schools.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the February update from Advance Consulting and the February financial report. Motion approved.

III. SPCC Administration

Nomination of Board Members

Welcome to Anna Ross, new community representative on the SPCC Board. Bruce Thao will be joining us at the May meeting as our new Alternate Community Representative.

Mayor Coleman designated Peter Grafstrom, new Education Policy Director, as his representative to the SPCC Board. The Board thanks Jane Eastwood for her years of

distinguished service to the SPCC, and she will come to the April meeting to share reflections and suggestions to the SPCC board.

IV. NdCAD/Ramsey County Workforce Solutions Presentation & Discussion

Gevonee Ford, Executive Director of the Network for the Development of Children of African Descent (NdCAD) presented to the Board on the scope of their new Learn, Grow, Thrive grant. Gevonee was joined by Kate Probert Fagundes and Leigh Ann Ahmad from Ramsey County Workforce Solutions to present on their work with MFIP parents/families in Ramsey County. The presentation started with a history of NdCAD and Gevonee spoke about the ways that NdCAD has worked to build evidence to support systems change. One of their focus areas for the new 2 year grant period is how to scale their work, based on the lessons learned.

Turner spoke about the work happening around improving attendance, and suggested that families receiving MFIP should be supported in making sure their kids attend school. NdCAD's Parent Power program should be engaged in that effort.

V. Board Updates and Connections and Items for Future Meetings

Tabled until April meeting.

Discussion that the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation is in the process of dissolving. The Tutoring Partnership will be looking for a new non-profit home.

Upcoming community events:

- Marnita's Table – March 10 at 4:00
- 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
- Turner to present on proposal for new middle school on the Eastside
- Saint Paul Police Department – community relationships, community policing.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Next meeting: April 13, 2016 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW