



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
9:00 - 11:00 @ American Indian Magnet**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo McGuire, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter, Tyrize Cox, Robert McClain, Mary K Boyd, Jane Eastwood, Jean O'Connell (Carter departed after recess)

Guests Present: Tom Evers and Todd Wallace (Playworks); Angela Gauthier (Ain Dah Yung); Mitch Walking Elk (GAP)

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

Meeting called to order by Eastwood at 9:10 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Eastwood lit the Children's Fire by talking about a recent interview with three principals, talking about the issue of discipline. Discipline is a thread connected to all other threads that impact students. The principal at Como talked about discipline really being about teaching and promoting positive behavior. Consequences don't change behavior – only positive relationships change behavior.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 9, 2014 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the April update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. GradNation Update

Anders gave an update on Promise Fellow, Project Return and Attendance Awareness Month. Since the last meeting, she presented on this work to the Mayor's

Education Leadership Team, state GradNation work group, and attended the national GradNation conference. There was a request that the board consider the possibility of hiring a district employee through a “swap” agreement with Ramsey County Attorney’s office. Hagen cautioned that RCAO and the District should be mindful of how that agreement fits with an open hiring process. Boyd commented that her previous employment arrangement was similar, so there is precedent for that type of arrangement. The RCAO and District will be responsible for making sure any arrangement is compliant with all relevant rules and procedures.

Motion to allow Ramsey County Attorney’s Office to enter into an employee exchange agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Learn, Grow, Thrive Focus: American Indian Focus

Angela Gauthier from Ain Dah Yung gave an update on their SPCC-funded project, which focuses on services to homeless youth in the shelter, but also aftercare. In addition, the SPCC grant supports work directly with the families of youth ages 5-17. They also have family advocates who can provide all kinds of wrap around support and advocacy services to the family. The grant gives them much more ability to stay in contact with the family. They are gathering data about the trends in family needs during reunification, in order to better target services in the future.

Mitch Walking Elk from GAP gave an update on their SPCC funded project. He spoke of his project with youth to help their internal, spiritual flames burn. He currently has three boys in the program, who have all been in the program since it started. He does traditional teachings with the youth. He teaches them about traditional medicines, cultural traditions and ceremonies. He teaches Ojibwa and Lakota language. He may open the program to females this summer. He has a cultural advisory committee.

Tom Evers and Todd Wallace from Playworks gave an update on their SPCC-funded project at American Indian Magnet. They focus on recess, class game time, junior coaches, out of school time programs, and developmental sports league. They are talking about bringing the Holistic Skills Assessment to St. Paul next year, to use with Junior Coaches. They are also hoping to look at attendance, hypothesizing that attendance is better than at non-Playworks schools. McClain talked about finding another way of assessing the impact of Playworks. Turner, Boyd, O’Connell, Carter and McClain are interested in pursuing other ways to measure. Boyd suggested this model should be built into teacher prep programs in higher education.

V. Recess

SPCC Board and guests joined the American Indian Magnet School second graders for recess with Playworks!

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- New grantees presenting on their work; organized by Learn, Grow, Thrive goals, rather than individual grantees: June focus on Ready for Kindergarten.
- Ramsey County Human Services regarding wraparound services
- Police/youth relations (Robert McClain is working on this) – potentially have the Chief come and talk about the Department’s work with youth. June
- R.T. Rybak come to talk about Generation Next Action Plans
- Kent Pekel from Search Institute– caring adults

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.