



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

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Bruce Thao, Mary Jo McGuire, Mary Vanderwert, Heather Kilgore, Jackie Turner, Toni Carter, Rebecca Noecker, Mary K Boyd, Anna Ross

Missing: Peter Grafstrom, Clarence Hightower

Staff Present: Laurie Davis and Christa Anders (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co- Coordinators); Daniel Rahkola (Fiscal Agent – Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health)

Visitors: Michelle Walker and Jonathan May (Generation Next); Rep. David Pinto

Meeting called to order by McClain at 8:18 am.

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Noecker lit the Children's Fire with some words previously shared by Randi Roth, illustrating how children count on us being the grown-ups, and they need us to step up.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 12, 2016 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the October update from Advance Consulting and the October financial report. Motion approved.

III. Kindergarten Readiness Discussion

Michelle Walker and Jonathan May from Generation Next presented their Kindergarten Readiness Plan/activities and an update on progress. (separate handout) SPCC partners can engage with Generation Next starting in January to recruit parents to the texting program designed to support parents. We'll need to work together to make sure that we're reaching parents who are isolated and not connected to any high quality settings. Generation Next asked that the SPCC board help with outreach to help us reach exactly those parents. Consider using prenatal visits as a time to get parents to sign up for the

texting program (CM Noecker could help make connections). One of the pieces that needs attention is how we need to work on systems change to better support children's development. (Here is a link to Preschool report – click on the purple box: <http://wcif.org/what-we-do/programs/early-childhood/prek3/prek3.html>). Suggestion that the Generation Next Leadership Council be expanded to include people who are from the community. Dental screening is not part of current Early Childhood Screening program requirements. Need to have a focus on reaching children prenatal, not waiting until age three.

Rep. David Pinto from Highland Park/Macalester-Groveland joined the meeting at 8:50, and gave an overview of Elders for Infants and other coalition efforts to impact early childhood policy. Rep. Pinto said he is eager and willing to help with any ideas that will improve things for young children and welcomes the Board's input.

IV. Input on SPPS Superintendent Search

Jackie Turner provided the Board with an overview of how SPPS plans to conduct their search for a new Superintendent, and asked for Board input. She'd like to revisit this issue in January for more input. The search is launched and there is a [page](#). There is a design team including 15-20 people meeting weekly. They will set the process, including interview process, how to make a recommendation to the School Board, how to engage the community, etc. They issued an RFP for a search firm, and they've received 9 proposals (local and national). Two Board members (Ellis and Vanderwert) will recommend top 3 choices on Monday November 14 at 4:30. Mitchell-Hamline Law School is working with the board on governance, board-union-district relationships, etc., which should help the future functioning of the board. Goal is to have new Superintendent in place by July 1, 2017. There will be a proposal to the board next week to change start time. Board should consider community-located input sessions. Also keep in mind that the real goal is someone to be in charge of the education of our children. Finally, keep the process as transparent as possible.

Board agreed to devote one hour on January agenda to providing specific input into the Superintendent qualifications and requirements.

V. SPCC Administration

The Nominating Committee (Jean O'Connell and Mary K Boyd) offered a slate of officers and a recommendation for a new community representative (alternate) for 2017 (attached).

Officers for 2017 (one year terms)

Chair: Robert McClain (current chair – eligible for one more term)

Vice Chair: Toni Carter

Secretary: Jackie Turner (current secretary – eligible for one more term)

Treasurer: Rebecca Noecker

Community Representative – Alternate (3 year term)

To replace outgoing Community Representative Mary K Boyd, the Nominating Committee recommends Alfreda Flowers.

Motion to approve the slate of officers as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to nominate Alfreda Flowers as the new Alternate Community Representative. Motion approved unanimously.

Daniel Rohkola (fiscal agent) presented the draft 2017 budget. This budget follows similar form as previous budgets with current fiscal situation reflected.

Motion to approve the draft 2017 budget as submitted. Motion approved.

Advance Consulting raised the question about staffing for the SPCC in 2017 (consultant or staff position(s)). Advance Consulting provided a proposal for services which keeps the contract cap at the current level, for the Board's consideration. The board will take action on staffing for 2017 at the December meeting.

VI. Sharing and Discussion

Debrief of yesterday's election. Our call- be kind, be strong, come together. Elected officials are going to need a tremendous amount of support to find a way forward. [Read](#) Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) - we are in the middle of a revolution. No one can remain complacent.

Meeting adjourned 10:15.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- MDE - data disaggregation (Peter to give update)
- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- Results Based Accountability - NdCAD, 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
- Ramsey County Attorney - Triad, juvenile justice, school violence
- How is SPPS using new legislative funding targeted at recruiting more diverse teaching workforce?
- 2017 Legislative Session

Next meeting: December 14, 2016 from 8:00 - 10am at CAP/RW