



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Robert McClain, Mary Jo McGuire, Karri Kerns, Alfreda Flowers, Rebecca Noecker, Toni Carter, Jackie Turner, Heather Kilgore, Christine Smith, Peter Grafstrom (joined 9:15)

Not in Attendance: Bruce Thao, Mary Vanderwert

Staff Present: Laurie Davis and Christa Anders (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Co-Coordinator)

Guests Present: Randi Roth, Executive Director, Kathy Wilke, Rebecca Fairbanks Dickinson from Interfaith; Sarah Koschinska, Senior Director of Resident Services, and Mari Jo Long, Youth Program Manager from Project for Pride in Living

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

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Carter lit the Children's Fire with a reflection in honor of Dr. Bernice King's visit to Saint Paul, to share her Non-Violence 365 training, which is being shared with Saint Paul youth this week. It is even more important today to keep that commitment to non-violence.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 13, 2017 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the September update from Advance Consulting and the September finance reports. Motion approved.

III. Learn, Grow, Thrive Out of School Time Grantee Presentations/Discussion

Staff from Project for Pride in Living and Interfaith presented updates on their Learn, Grow, Thrive-funded projects and outcomes to date. The Interfaith presentation focused on the program provided to American Indian Students, and explained that Project SPIRIT, the African American-focused project, is ramping down this year due to huge funding cuts from DEED and United Way. Interfaith has developed (with evaluators) a tool to evaluate culturally specific interventions. It should be available in the spring of 2018.

Project for Pride in Living also talked about the impact of United Way cuts and how they reduced programming as a result. The original Learn, Grow Thrive grant was supporting 2 sites, which have now been reduced to one site, Fort Road Flats. They talked about the growth in reading during last school year.

McClain pointed out that without fail, youth participation in any program is directly related to how often they have to explain their circumstances to someone they don't know. Smith talked about the importance of paying attention to the fact that the money often doesn't disappear, but it changes focus, due to "hot topics," which now seem to be things like two generation and health equity. McGuire talked about the need to make connections between what is happening from federal, state, county and local philanthropic funding. Turner talked about the need to help community programs "work smarter" to help them access available funding for programs, understanding that sometimes they have to find other sources of funding for non-direct expenses.

IV. Youth Master Plan: 3K Blueprint Discussion and Action

The Board received the Blueprint for the Saint Paul 3K project several weeks ago. CM Noecker presented an overview, with thanks for all the ways resources were devoted to support the development of the 3K Blueprint. The bottom line is that the City of Saint Paul needs to step up to this challenge, for all the reasons and benefits that are laid out in the Blueprint. She presented several options about what happens next: reject the report; accept the report; accept and make a resolution asking the city, county and district to create an implementation group; or to accept and make a standing committee of the Collaborative to work on implementation. McGuire and Carter expressed gratitude and support for this effort and would like to have the county jump on board. Carter also mentioned National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties about coordinating 3K with efforts they are about to launch. Turner explained that this year, 40% of SPPS PreK is now full-day.

Motion to accept the Saint Paul 3K Blueprint as submitted, and decide on next steps at a future meeting. Motion approved.

V. SPCC Administration

The Chair and Secretary for the SPCC board reach the end of their officer terms at the December meeting, so a Nominating Committee is needed to make recommendations at the December meeting.

Motion to appoint McClain and Smith as the Nominating Committee to present a slate of four officers for 2018. Motion approved.

VI. Sharing & Discussion

McClain thanked the County for producing the brochure called "Creating Healthy African American Lifestyles." He asked that those materials be shared in other community settings, not just doctor's offices. Anders will follow up with Cathy Hedin to find out how people can get more copies.

Turner let the group know that Teamsters (cafeteria workers) voted to authorize a strike, which could happen. She said that even in the case of a strike, children will still be provided with meals. The district is phasing in a \$15/hour minimum wage.

Meeting adjourned 10:05.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Update: ACT scores, other outcome data, data disaggregation update (REA); Eastside middle school proposal (Turner) – AFTER March 2017
- Ramsey County Attorney – Triad, juvenile justice, school violence
- Ramsey County Youth Continuum of Care (McGuire/Carter)
- City Education Update: Parent Powered Texting (Grafstrom)
- African American Futures Initiative (Stephanie Battle)
- Dr. Gothard – October or December?
- New evaluation tool from Interfaith (spring 2018)
- Strategic retreat topic: How to spread information about funding opportunities – coordinating state (invite state staff?) and others. Shared brainstorm about opportunities to start on a small scale on the information sharing.

Next meeting: November 8, 2017 from 8:15 – 10am at CAP/RW.