



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative  
APPROVED Minutes  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

**Board Members Present:** Robert McClain, Bruce Thao, Mary Jo McGuire, Peter Grafstrom, Mary Vanderwert, Heather Kilgore, Jackie Turner

Missing: Toni Carter, Rebecca Noecker, Mary K Boyd, Anna Ross, Clarence Hightower

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

**Visitors:** Beth Harrison (Ramsey County Attorney's Office) and Albert Green (Project Return)

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

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

Thao lit the Children's Fire with observations about watching his nieces and nephews grow up, noticing how much everything in the world (not just schools – media, everything), in our society, impacts all children. He talked about time he spent working with kids in Thailand, and how they face the same issues – the narrative is the same for ethnic minority communities facing the biggest challenges, no matter where they are. We need to think not just about local strategies, but also how the media portrays children from various groups, because it impacts how they see themselves and their future.

**II. Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2016 Board Meeting and accept the information contained in the September update from Advance Consulting and the September financial report. Motion approved.**

**III. Youth Re-Engagement**

Albert Green and Beth Harrison did a presentation on Project Return, a grantee of the SPCC focused on re-engaging 15 day dropped students/youth.

Peter Grafstrom and Christa Anders did an update on the re-engagement work happening in Saint Paul.

#### **IV. School Start Time, Go Cards and Metro Transit Update**

The Committee of the School Board asked to re-open the school start time discussion, and to bring a proposal to the November board meeting for a process around that. The community discussion will focus on what we (the community) can do to make this happen. Metro Transit continues to say that they cannot bring additional schools into their program. The District needs a more whole-scale solution to this issue because so many community partners (parks, others) arrange their schedules around the District's calendar. No changes would happen until September 2018. There will likely be three start times – 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30, although Vanderwert talked about the research saying that start times for high school students should potentially be even later, and she intends to advocate for that, at least at one school. There needs to be advocacy at the state level around Metro Transit. This needs to be the legislative agenda for all SPCC partners.

#### **V. Board Updates and Connections and Items for Future Meetings**

From Heather Kilgore, after discussion at last month's meeting: All SROs were instructed by their supervisor and by Laurie Olson, SPPS Director of Security and Emergency Management to use their assigned parking spaces, rather than parking at the curb in front of schools. Each school has an assigned parking space for squad cars, and the spaces should be used. If community members continue to see squad cars parked along the curb or on the sidewalks, Laurie would welcome a report so she can reinforce this practice. (laura.olson@spps.org).

#### **Meeting adjourned 10:00.**

##### Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- SPPS Superintendent Search – input from SPCC board (November)
- MDE – data disaggregation (Peter to give update)
- New Lens Urban Mentoring overview
- Early Learning Focus: Screening, SPPS KEP Plans, Gen Next K Readiness Plan, Rep. Pinto – November meeting
- 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: November 9, 2016 from 8:00 – 10am at CAP/RW**