



**Saint Paul Children's Collaborative
APPROVED Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
8:15- 10:00 @ CAP/RW**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo McGuire, Jackie Turner, Jane Eastwood, Jean O'Connell, Deb Moses, Chris Tolbert, Robert McClain, Mary K Boyd, Carol Dawson, Charles Gill

Guests Present: R.T. Rybak (Generation Next), Catherine Penkert (Right Track Summer Youth Employment)

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

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

I. Call to Order and Children's Fire

Reverend Gill lit the Children's Fire with a lesson from a cigarette lighter. Old school cigarette lighters represent an era when things were not disposable, and you really had to value something, and care for it. The lesson for this board is our obligation to value children – we need to be intentional about spending quality time to teach our children. Doing so will allow our society to have a fruitful and prosperous future.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 13, 2014 Board meeting and accept the information contained in the August update from Advance Consulting. Motion approved.

III. Generation Next Overview

R.T. Rybak provided the Board with an update on what's happening with Generation Next.

IV. Learn, Grow, Thrive Grantee: Right Track Summer Youth Employment

Catherine Penkert from City of Saint Paul gave an overview of the Right Track summer youth employment program, which was supported with a \$100,000 SPCC grant during summer 2014.

V. GradNation Update

Advance Consulting gave an update on the three GradNation projects. The American Indian Promise Fellow began work on September 1. Project Return staff person is starting today. The Attendance Awareness materials are doing and being distributed. Beth Harrison is presenting to the School Board this month. Muneer Karcher-Ramos is going to distribute the Attendance Awareness materials in the Promise Neighborhood. SPPS will be distributing to other community locations. There was a suggestion to present to the Midway Chamber. We should share the materials with the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative – Commissioner McGuire will be that liaison. Distribute to county offices (MFIP, etc.).

VI. SPCC Nominating Committee

The previous SPCC Nominating Committee (Hightower, Street-Stewart) is no longer in existence, and the Board will need a new Nominating Committee to identify Officer candidates for 2015, along with any other vacancies that emerge over the next year.

Motion to appoint a Nominating Committee including Mary K Boyd and Jane Eastwood to identify officers and candidates to fill other vacancies as needed.

VII. Back to School Update

Director O'Connell said the year is off to a great start – no bus issues; schools where there was serious concern about enrollment are coming back ahead of projections; middle schools are very focused and organized (due to Camp Six). Jackie Turner also gave an update: secondary schools are also coming in very strong on enrollment; many new K students are coming in each day; elementary enrollment is slightly lower than the district hoped to see; all elementary schools will have same bus driver in morning and afternoon; and start time meetings are happening this month and the likely timing for recommendation to the board will be in late Oct/November.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- New grantees presenting on their work; organized by Learn, Grow, Thrive goals, rather than individual grantees: October focused on Freedom School.
- Youth Master Plan data update: October
- Ramsey County Human Services regarding wraparound services
- Kent Pekel from Search Institute– caring adults
- Parent Academy for Saint Paul Public Schools

- SPPS High School Start Time – Turner has a presentation
- Ramsey Interagency Early Intervention Council – Help Me Grow, SPPN Screening Group and GenNext Screening work group
- Check in with Breaking Free mid-way through the school year
- Everybody’s In – Saturday October 4, 8:30 – 1:30 at HS for Recording Arts – bring information on SPCC.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.