



## APPROVED MINUTES

### Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative Board Meeting

September 9, 2020

8am – 10 am

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Restrictions

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Toni Carter, Emmanuel Donaby, Alfreda Flowers, Jeanelle Foster, Heather Kilgore, Angelica Klebsch, Mary Jo McGuire, Nicolee Mensing, Hoang Murphy, Rebecca Noecker, Daniel Yang
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<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Cedrick Baker, Nicole MartinRogers, Rolando Vera
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<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS PRESENT</b>	Christa Anders, Laurie Davis (Advance Consulting – Collaborative Coordinators)
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**Meeting called to order by Flowers at 8:02 am**

#### Children’s Fire

The Children’s Fire was lit by Alfreda Flowers with some words about “reset.” Resetting is an opportunity for reimagining, restoring and more. There is so much unrest everywhere, and we can either dwell on them, or think about what we can do to reset things? We can figure out how to take what was old and not working, and make something new. She talked about when her husband passed away suddenly, and how devastating that was, and how paralyzing and emptying. At that point, someone helped her push the reset button by thinking about it as a metamorphosis stage, healing from trauma from all places and times in her life. Elders can share wisdom with younger people, and help create the change we need to see.

#### Consent Agenda

**Motion to approve the Minutes from the August 5, 2020 board meeting and accept the information contained in the August update from Advance Consulting and the July and August finance reports. Motion to approve by Carter, second by McGuire. Motion approved.**

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### **Advance Consulting Update**

Advance Consulting gave an overview of the highlights from the August update to the board. The coordinator for Project Peace was finally posted and sent out through various networks.

As requested at the August meeting, we received an invoice from grantee 4mativ for work conducted but not eligible for LCTS funding (planning of the transportation pilot). There is unrestricted funding in the 2020 budget to pay for these costs.

Motion to approve payment of \$5,000 to 4mativ for planning work conducted on the transportation pilot. Motion by Murphy. Second by Donaby. Motion approved unanimously.

### **2020/21 School Year Plans**

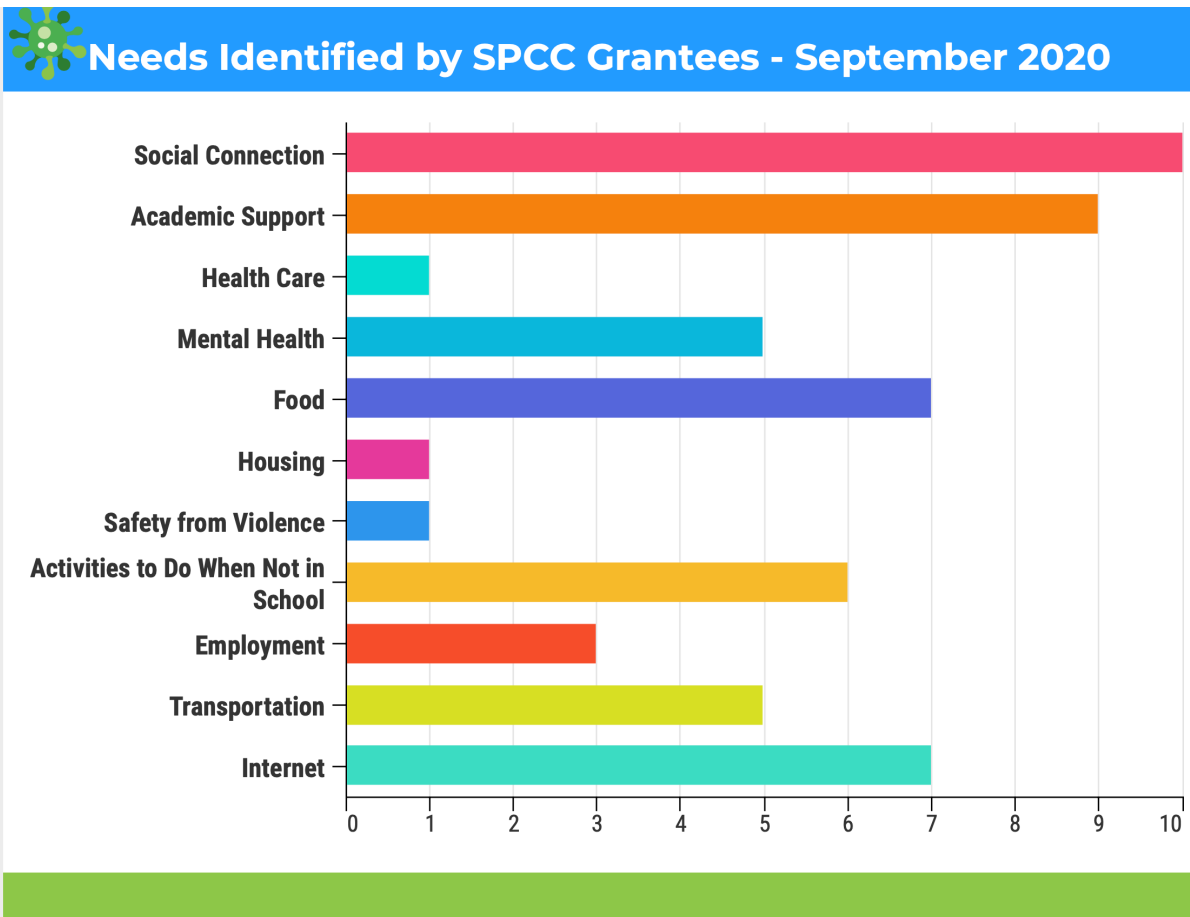
Kilgore shared information on the district's plans for 2020/21 school year. There are school based partners that are continuing (providing service now) and returning (starting after 9/28). Extended Day Learning programs in SPPS are currently on hold. District-wide partnerships working on standing up Academic Support Centers (starting October 1, with five sites). Also working with St. Paul Public Libraries for PreK family centers. Community-based partners are offering full day distance-learning supports (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, JCC) – supporting them with sharing training and data. Community-based partners are CBOs that typically provide service at their own site – pretty separate from SPPS. The district is pointing partners to their tutorials and technology resources as background for staff. Data sharing works best with parent consent. The ongoing collaboration between the city and SPPS is around internet access, expanded full-day programs, library PreK centers and virtual tutoring through BrainFuse. Submitted a Connect MN grant with Libraries. The schools each have student support team, and that team will reach out to parents and teachers, monitoring attendance and student progress. That team will refer families to appropriate support.

The earliest possible date for transition to hybrid model would be middle October, with announcement on September 25. They would use a phased approach, beginning with Level 4 settings. There is a rubric the district is using to make these decisions.

Question about how the district will support ELL students. Language supports – added (and continue to add) bilingual staff. Also the spring distance learning model didn't fully make use of paraprofessionals. Much better prepared this fall. For example, all staff will have a Google voice phone number so families can call them back. They have also made broader and centralized use of language line. For specialized services to Special Education-eligible students, they have contingency learning plans they are setting up with families, outlining what the services will look like in a distance learning environment. Next meeting – invite an academic staff colleague to provide more info on how the district will meet the obligations to ELL and Special Education services. Director Foster recommended talking to Marcie Dodge, gathering questions for her first and Murphy asked that someone with the content knowledge come to the October meeting.

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Advance Consulting shared information from the 2020/21 grantees, both in terms of how they are delivering service this fall, and in terms of what unmet needs their families have.



Murphy suggested we share this information back to grantees. Also a question about whether there is additional need, beyond what district can provide, with regard to devices and internet access. They do think they have enough hotspots for current/anticipated needs into the fall. The hotspot doesn't solve every family's problems. They did apply for ConnectMN grant with St. Paul Public Libraries to help with that. It would also be possible to use LCTS funds to support that kind of direct service support.

Discussion about using the \$200,000 in LCTS funds from the transportation pilot as soon as possible, and for what purpose? Internet access – we don't know how long the pandemic will last, distance learning will last. Klebsch also pointed out that the school is just starting, and additional needs will emerge (housing, food, etc.). The board is interested in using these dollars, in an allowable way, sooner rather than later. Advance Consulting should come to the October meeting with options – considering trusting families, meeting their needs, and not duplicating other resources. We will hear from the district on the ConnectMN grant and notify the board immediately and the

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SPCC could take action as soon as we know. Kilgore asking district staff if the grant request would have met the full need of SPPS families or not?

SPPS is using buses to provide food delivery again this school year – may change if there is a transition to hybrid. Question about whether the district might vary the food offerings beyond sandwiches. The district has expanded offerings, once the supply chain issues were resolved.

### **Youth Master Plan Update**

Advance Consulting shared information on the Youth Master Plan indicators, and what data will be available for updating the plan. There are challenges with the K readiness data, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading data. There is a question about what data to use and when/how to update. There is similar effort happening in Ramsey County, particularly around indicators of health and well-being.

There was a subcommittee created to bring data recommendations back to the board, including Murphy, MartinRogers, and Commissioner Carter suggested having Anne Berry appointing someone (Commissioner Carter will help identify that person). Also include Sprockets to see if OST providers feel like the indicators we use are those they can impact. Also Equity Action Circle may have suggestions (Ms. Alfreda could make that connection) and would be a good place to review some draft indicators.

### **Partner Updates**

Family Values for Life gave out over 1700 backpacks, produce, and clothing. Ramsey County did a Mask for Everyone event at Jimmy Lee rec center.

Ramsey County is in midst of budgeting process, and the hearings are happening in a compressed timeframe. There is a zero percent levy increase and zero layoffs, with some use of fund balance and some cuts. They allocated \$10M in food/basic needs funding from CARES funding, and it is currently under-utilized. They are also working with law enforcement to make sure the correct resources are being sent in response to calls.

Murphy talked about young people aging out of foster care during pandemic. States can put a moratorium on that. Foster Advocates has asked the Walz administration to do that, but no response yet. He is open to suggestions about how the board could help.

**Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM**