



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2022

In Person and via Zoom

Members present: Randy Bruer, Aaron Cook, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Kayla Jore, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Tom Loberg, Shauna Reitmeier, Frances Tougas, Lisa Weber, Shawn Yates

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Chris Mills

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by Jason Carlson, temporary chairman. Randy Bruer joined the meeting at 10:00 am.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Cook to approve the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Yates/C. Johnson) to approve the March 4, 2022 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Yates) to approve payment of the February 2022 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:** Pretty dry at this time, per MacRae.
 - **Customized Living Grants:** If interested, ask MacRae for more information. Family Partners need to be knowledgeable about this.
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Auchenpaugh said Level 2 training is scheduled for April 19. Twenty-four of the 50 remaining slots have been filled—among them, 15 from Alluma and 5 law enforcement from Thief River Falls. She received approval on the applications for law enforcement CEUs (POST) and administrative clock hours (BOSA).
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC):** Auchenpaugh said the next round of funding will be this fall or next spring, per Eric Billiet. Bruer is hearing different districts would like this grant project in addition to the current districts, so we may need two grant writers. The current grant goes through Summer 2023 with hopes of stretching it. Weber said Waubun's school forest pilot project is showing benefits. Students who participate are scoring higher and they are looking at extending it to the 4th-6th grades, with the hopes of eventual K-12 learning. The Jeffers Foundation environmental training uses applied learning. Waubun is using it in both 21CCLC programming and regular classroom, calling it "The Explorers" – teaching children different concepts and incorporating field trips, e.g. to the Science Museum in St. Paul. Right now, they are making jingle skirts.
 - **Family Peers:** Have 8 families right now. Carlson said Alluma is over-subscribed and being bottlenecked with assessments. Reitmeier is trying to figure out how to make it happen faster. When it is resolved, we need to make sure people know how to refer. MacRae said a video is being put together on the concept and how to refer, plus brochures that have marketing information. We are finally getting the same language for everyone. They are now being called "Family Peers."
6. **Referral Systems:** Carlson said, in retrospect, he wished we'd had this conversation months ago. What we have now is passive, but in the past several months several companies have competed in Minnesota to almost simultaneously develop sites in which you can enter a family and immediately get a referral that would also prompt the provider to respond. This is very powerful stuff. An in-depth discussion ensued. In the end, the board decided to ask "We are Resourceful" come and speak to the group and do a demo. Kjono will talk with Karen and get her opinion.

Kittson Collaborative: Kathy Johnson sent an email saying the Kittson Collaborative is most likely going to disband. They have not paid their 2022 dues, nor have any of the collaborative members. To be eligible to be a partner of the Council of Collaboratives, there must be a county collaborative and then members of the collaborative can in turn be members of the Council of Collaboratives. Carlson said he had reached out to K. Johnson. it's important that county collaboratives at least try to meet and not just have individual dues paid just to get grants. Reitmeier asked how the Governing Board can help support them. Is there a way to try to mobilize them? And every time a superintendent changes, we need to do the same. Carlson suggested an onboarding packet and possibly a short promo video. Yates thinks it is on the superintendents to have some sort of a mentor relationship. Carlson agreed, saying it is important for a superintendent to hear it from another superintendent. C. Johnson asked if could we rotate sites for the Governing Board meetings. Bruer said our summer tours were kind of that idea.

He will reach out to the Kittson superintendents to ask them what it would take to bring them back on board. MacRae will finish the ROI document in a few days and have that information available.

7. **Hope Coalition:** Reitmeier announced the meeting in Warroad on April 26. Tim Engebraaten is the keynote speaker and there have 569 registrants so far.
8. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Weber/Reitmeier) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, May 6, 2022, 9:30 – 11:30, In Person and Via Zoom.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator