



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Thief River Falls, MN – September 9, 2022

Members Present in Person: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Jim Guetter, Chris Mills, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates

Members Present via Zoom: Brittney Bimler, Catherine Johnson, Karla Langaas, Tom Loberg

Members Absent: Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kiono, Kayla Jore

Others Present: Penny Grove, Suraya Driscoll, Mike Kolness, Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by Randy Bruer, chairman

Agenda: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Cook) to approve the agenda.

Guest: Jackie Blagsvedt, Minnesota Department of Education, was present via Zoom to discuss and answer questions regarding the State Scaling for the Full Service Community Schools grant proposal. If awarded, she would be the point of contact throughout the grant project.

Blagsvedt is excited about the way we are applying as a rural region-wide community and said we couldn't have put together a better application for what the Department feels a state scaling application should be. The requirements for the State are to sustain the Steering Committee and offer technical assistance to the site coordinator positions. Reviewers are asked to assign points on the quality of the proposal and how well it will scale the FSCS model across the state with more schools coming in during the grant period. During that phase 2, tribal schools could be added or neighboring districts. The State Steering Committee will define and identify the criterion for how and which schools will be scaled up. School districts are in different phases: start-up, implementation, after-school programming. Through the evaluation process, Wilder will learn how schools begin at various phases and move into the full FSCS model. Little FSCS research has been done in small, rural schools.

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Yates) to approve minutes of the August 5, 2022 meeting.

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C** (Yates/Reitmeier) to approve payment of the August 2022 facilitator invoice and Faye Auchenpaugh's invoice for writing the Full Service Community Schools grant (\$12,000).

Grant Opportunities and Reports

- BJA STOP School Violence – Another round of Threat Assessment (CSTAG) training is taking place in August. Level 1 is self-paced, Level 2 is a four-hour, morning session on August 22nd. Member districts taking part are Greenbush-Middle River, Kittson Central and Tri-County Central, plus a couple of pickups from 2021 at Grygla. Outside districts that will be billed for participating include Bagley, Blackduck, Kelliher, Laporte and Red Lake.
- 21st CCLC – Mills said they are moving right along with the final year of the project. There are a good number of kids attending. Attendance is now tracked per hour/per activity/per participant.
- Full Service Community Schools – See above notes on conversation with Jackie Blagsvedt. Auchenpaugh has asked superintendents to stay after the meeting to go over budget numbers. She is still waiting for figures from the MN Department of Education.
- Family Peers – Making progress. Grant funds end September 30, 2022.

Governing Board Substitutions and Voting: The Principles for Cooperation state "Representatives must be at the CEO/Superintendent level." Each county collaborative determines who their voting members are for the Governing Board. Penny Grove attended today's meeting on behalf of Red Lake County Social Services. She will ask the Red Lake County Board for authority to act on behalf of Red Lake County Social Services.

Minnesota State Surplus Funds: MacRae said the Polk County Collaborative is questioning how to use these funds. Should we have a group that would meet with our legislators to speak about our needs and how they apply those funds, e.g. Family Peers? The Board said this has to be after the elections, perhaps our December meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: **M/S/C** (Yates/Cook)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator