



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

December 3, 2021

Hybrid: Via Zoom and In person at Community Room—Alluma Inc., Crookston

Members present: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Karla Langaas, Chris Mills, Shauna Reitmeier, Lisa Weber, Shawn Yates

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Aaron Cook, Maureen Hams, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Donita Stepan, Kirk Thorstenson, Frances Tougas

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, chairman.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Yates) to approve the agenda as submitted.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Mills) to approve the November 5, 2021 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Weber) to approve payment of the November 2021 facilitator invoice.
5. **2022 Contracts and Budget:** **M/S/C:** (Yates/Weber) to approve Alluma and Auchenpaugh contracts and the 2022 budget as submitted. Reitmeier abstained. Mills would like information on grants we have applied for and secured, as well as grants we have applied for and not been awarded. This is particularly important for new Governing Board members. Auchenpaugh and MacRae will update this information and send to the membership. Our brochure also needs to be updated.
6. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**

- **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Auchenpaugh reported that she had contacted Dr. Dewey Cornell directly after getting no response from Navigate360 on how and when we can use the remaining Threat Assessment training slots. Cornell immediately contacted the Nav360 folks and Colton Cottis replied to Auchenpaugh, saying they would have an answer by the end of the week. (No answer as of meeting time.) As soon as she gets a reply, she will convene an Advisory Committee meeting.

The Threat Assessment training that is part of this grant is an excellent opportunity for our membership, as demonstrated by the recent school shooting in Michigan. Auchenpaugh read an email thread from one of our schools who had done an assessment with a serious threat, had notified the student and parents against whom the threat was made, and were now facing a parent who was upset that their child's name was released. Auchenpaugh contacted Dr. Cornell and he responded, in part, "This kind of concern does arise from time to time. I think that sharing a student's name is appropriate and justified from a safety perspective and from the perspective of facilitating a resolution to whatever problem may underlie the threat. I would not share details such as special education status or disability unless there was a direct justification linked to safety. I would not be worried too much about being sued, but of course anyone can be sued. Your school attorney can advise you on that, but there is no apparent harm or damage in what you have done and although it might feel uncomfortable to the parent, you have reasonable justification for sharing a student's name. I would continue to work with the parent and try to bring them around. If the situation was reversed, that parent would want to know which student threatened their child. You might feel better down the road if you make it explicit in a written policy that is available to parents. The policy might indicate that sharing names of students for any threat is at the discretion of the principal and based on findings from the threat assessment team. The team always considers whether sharing information is in the interest of safety and order in the learning environment. All actions should be linked to safety and order, even transient threats, which although not serious, could be disruptive and worrisome to others and thus the team will try to resolve them. I would stress to the parents our shared goal of keeping everyone safe, reducing everyone's anxiety and distress over an incident, and trying to resolve the incident so that both students can move on, get along, and be successful."

21st Century Community Learning Centers: Superintendents, Chwialkowski and Auchenpaugh met with Brandon Tice and Eric Billiet from the Minnesota Dept. of Education DOE on Nov 22nd as part of the regular oversight. Auchenpaugh remarked that Billiet is now almost gushing in his praise of our project. Mills said he believes DOE had no idea of how these grants operate in small districts far removed from metro resources.

Weber gave an oversight of discussions during their panel presentation at the recent MREA conference: environmental and social programming, indigenous gardening with elders to learn and teach, tutoring, keeping students' motivated and interest piqued, getting homework completed, getting school-based work done and tied to after-school activities, having mental health large group activities focused on anxiety and stress management, STEM skills, and how do you hire and maintain staff. The Waubun/Ogema sites have expanded funding using multiple streams of funding.

Family Partners: The State of Minnesota contract ended September 30th and the Year 4 extension was supposed to begin October 1st. However, the new contract has not come through yet and there is no inkling of when it will come through. We have 2.5 Family Partners now, with recruiting now on pause due to the contract issues. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council is paying all bills right now. We do have applicants that remain interested, but the longer the contract issue drags on, the more this is subject to change.

Adjournment: **M/S/C** (Weber/Reitmeier) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, January 7, 2022, 9:30 – 11:30, via Zoom only.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator