



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Virtual – March 5, 2021

Email – April 1, 2021

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Members present: Brittney Bimler, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Karla Langaas, Donita Stepan, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates

Absent: Jeff Bisek, Aaron Cook, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chair.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Tougas) to approve the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Langaas/Yates) to approve the February 5, 2021 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Yates) to approve payment of the February 2021 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Auchenpaugh and Carlson sent an update to the entire membership this week, explaining that we are still in a holding pattern, awaiting budget approval. We have heard nothing from our program officer; no prompting seems to matter. Carlson said the meeting with Project RISE folks was very, very interesting. We don't know if we will be able to employ it regionally, but will look at individual counties. First, we need to identify those county champions to serve on the Advisory Committee. Stepan said Thief River Falls has a team right now that is working on their outdated safety plan using "Standard Response Protocol for K-12 School Districts" developed by the "I love u guys Foundation." She wondered if there was any reason they should not continue, in light of the BJA grants. Guetter responded that TRF should do what they need to do and it could perhaps benefit other schools as we go through this process. Auchenpaugh said we may be able to incorporate pieces or all of it in the grant projects.
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Auchenpaugh and Jackie Chwialkowski submitted a Continuous Improvement Plan to MDE. Eric Billiet continues to be enigmatic. He appears to be thinking we should be doing more and better when he writes or speaks with us, yet he referred to us as one of the "outstanding programs" in the state this week in a general email to all grantees. 21CCLC has been invaluable to the four communities during Covid, offering daycare and meals to needy families as well as online homework help.
 - **Family Partners:** Exciting news. Hams said they are interviewing next week for two Parent Support Specialist positions. Once hired, she will get them into the DHS system, get peer support specialist training for them, and they will be ready to begin as soon as training has been completed. They look like great candidates with lived experiences.
6. **Changes in Superintendents:** Shannon Hunstad at Lancaster and Ryan Baron at Tri-County Central school districts will be leaving at the end of the school year.
7. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Bimler) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, April 2, 2021, 9:30 – 11:30 am via Zoom if unable to meet in person.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator

APRIL 1, 2021

No meeting. The first Friday in April 2021 was Good Friday and most members would not be able to attend.

Financials and Bills: **M/S:** (Tougas/Bruer) to approve payment of the March 2021 facilitator invoice. Seconds by Nelson, Carlson, Mills, Langaas, Weber, Catherine Johnson, Reitmeier, Bimler, Guetter. Carried.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator