



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Crookston, MN – October 6, 2023

Board Members Present: Randy Bruer, Aaron Cook, Sarah Kjono, Chris Mills. Via Zoom: Brittney Bimler, Jim Guetter, , Fran Tougas

Board Members Absent: Jason Carlson, Maureen Hams, Kathy Johnson, Kayla Jore, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Kirk Thorstenson, Shawn Yates

Others Present: Chris Mills, Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:39 am by Randy Bruer, chairman, with a quorum present.

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

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Mills/Bruer) to approve minutes of the May 5, 2023 meeting.

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C** (Mills/Kjono) to approve payment of the September 2023 facilitator invoice.

Outstanding Dues: Auchenpaugh reported that Kittson Central and Roseau School Districts have paid. Still outstanding are Lancaster and Polk County Collaborative. MacRae is seeing to the Polk Collaborative. Mills will talk with Nicole Thompson at Lancaster; MacRae will talk with Kathy Johnson about the benefits of LCTS training.

Grant Opportunities and Reports:

1. **BJA's STOP School_Violence** – Auchenpaugh is developing a revised budget and work plan for the 12-month extension. The board suggested we include Safe Talks. Bimler said that Sarah Lefebvre at Sanford can do these talks for all eight counties as part of the Hope Coalition.

Identifying data points that make us competitive/in need of grant opportunities: MacRae said that the outcome of benefits from our good work in Northwest Minnesota is that we are coming in average or in the middle of the pack in terms of frontier data. This good news also makes us less competitive as does out death-by-suicide averages as far as national indicators. She asked if there is some way we can collect better data that might change these statistics. Mills said the diversity levels in our schools are increasing.

We discussed the MASA survey on qualifying for the "Just Keep Livin'" Foundation. Mills will fill out the survey, see how it comes out, and report back to the Board.

Grant Writing Workshop: Auchenpaugh and MacRae will offer a grant writing workshop in January or February 2024. This is a two-day workshop and Mills suggested the two days be a month apart to give participants the chance to search for opportunities and/or put into practice some of the tools learned in the first session. MacRae said that for the sake of transparency, she can't do conduct this workshop as part of her work for Alluma. Cook asked if the Collaborative would pay for the fee. Mills suggested it be free to collaborative member and \$100 for non-members.

Next meeting: November 3, 2023, 9:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned: **M/S/C** (Cook/Mills)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator