



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Crookston, MN – January 5, 2024

Board Members Present: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Drew Kjono, Shauna Reitmeier.
Via Zoom: Jim Guetter, Kayla Jore, Sarah Kjono, Karla Langaas, Fran Tougas, Shawn Yates

Board Members Absent: Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kathy Johnson, Andrew Larson, Jordan Spaeth, Kirk Thorstenson

Others Present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am by Randy Bruer, chairman, with a quorum present.

Agenda: **M/S/C** (Yates/Guetter) to approve the agenda.

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Cook) to approve minutes of the October 6, 2023 meeting.

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C** (Kjono/Reitmeier) to approve payment of the facilitator invoices for December 2023 services.

Grant Opportunities and Reports:

1. **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Still awaiting Year 4 budget approval. Budgets have been revised again and again. We needed sole vendor approval for the Center for Responsive Classroom training since this line item is over \$250,000. Auchenpaugh received additional details from Sarah Lefebvre on SafeTALK and included them with the minutes last month. Four hours is difficult for our schools to schedule..
2. **Level 4 Capital Project:** There are very few opportunities from the state for capital funding, so ASEC is going for a regional approach and applying to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The hope for this application is that the architecture is geared toward safety and low maintenance. This would be a pilot facility for the 0-22 age range that will hopefully be able to have another facility for our more northern schools. Reitmeier suggested we have mental health experts involved in the discussions. While education is the primary focus, intervention and support will also be needed. Kujava suggested law enforcement be included in the planning as well
M/S/C (Yates/Langaas) Motion to fund it up to \$6,000 for the writing of this grant.

Grant Writing Workshops: Due to MacRae's grant writing schedule, these workshops will not be held until late March or April. Reitmeier brought up the use of AI as a way of making grant writing more efficient.

Annual Meeting: Need to get the data gathering form sent to school administrators as quickly as possible. Working date for the annual meeting is October 23, 2024 at UMC. MacRae will reserve the room for us. Our agenda will hopefully include: data gathering, panel discussion, Northwest Minnesota Foundation grant for Level 4 building. We are also celebrating 24 years of Collaborative partnership.

Next Meeting: January 5, 2024, 9:30 am.

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

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator

Action via email request sent January 26, 2024:

M/S/C (Bruer/Loberg) to approve Faye Auchenpaugh writing a grant proposal for the Minnesota Department of Education's "Afterschool Community Learning Grant" opportunity due February 22, 2024.

Aye votes: Bruer, Carlson, Guetter, Jore, Loberg, Langaas, Nelson, Reitmeier, Tougas.