



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2017

Present: Deric Boston, Ilene Britt, Linda Chappel, Cathy Collie-Robinson, Drew Cummings, Ellie Erickson, Brenda Howerton, John McCain, Karen O’Mansky, Joanne Pierce, Donna Rewalt, Delphine Sellars, Queron Smith (by phone), James Spencer

Absent/excused: Bob Ashley, Diamond Bethea, Michael Becketts, Phillip Harris, Jason Jones, Ashley Taylor Jacobs, Mike Lee, Terricka Melton, Michael Page, David Reese

Staff: Laura Benson, Alicia Vorholt, Jameka Wells

Karen O’Mansky called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm with a quorum.

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Motion	Action
Introductions and Announcements	Laura welcomed new program team staff, Candice Blount and Alicia Vorholt. Kindergarten Registration Week activities were shared.		
Agenda Modifications and Public Comment	None		
Consent Agenda <u>Approving:</u> 2/16/17 board minutes, DEHS Monthly Report (Feb), Spending Analyses <u>Receiving:</u> Assistant DEHS Director Job Description	-It was noted that the DEHS Assistant Director job description was presented as a new position which was created following the promotion of Terry David within CHTOP following the departure of Melissa Mishoe. Durham Head Start, DEHS, and Orange Early Head Start will have assistant directors reporting to Mr. David.	It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda items and to receive the Assistant DEHS Director Job Description. Motion: Delphine Sellars Second: Brenda Howerton Not voting due to conflict of interest: None	Motion carried
Board Engagement -Board of Directors Donation Reports -Board Dashboard	-Karen asked the board members to review their donation reports to ensure accurate records and to continue to inspire board giving through the fiscal year. Board members were asked to share corrections following the meeting. -Karen reviewed another iteration of a dashboard draft in order to spark discussion about what would be most helpful in a snapshot of metrics and program information. Discussion included the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In addition to child care wait lists, are there other Smart Start funded programs that also have wait lists, even quarterly. ▪ Recommendation to put board packet on screen at meetings rather than printing hard copy packets ▪ Community initiatives that are under the leadership or responsibility of DPfC are listed; several are at different stages of development 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where is the best place for funded partner information that is primarily static year by year; other non-changing information on back; electronic versions with hyperlink is most helpful in digital formats
Treasurer's Report -FY 16-17 Internal Operating Budget update	-Queron provided an update on budget monitoring and the movement of expenses previously drawn from reserves to Smart Start program funds. It is anticipated that we have reduced our reliance on reserves at this point in the fiscal year by approximately \$20,000.
Information from the Field -Junlei Li presentation at CCR&R Conference -"Resilience" film on ACE's and Toxic Stress -Alamance Achieves – Social Determinants of Health	<p>Karen started a discussion of various experiences and learning opportunities that board members have been involved in over the past few months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Junlei Li spoke on human interaction as the “active ingredient” of quality early care and education; examples and perspectives were shared ▪ Joanne shared the impetus for two community screenings of “Resilience” and the importance of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) scores and the impact of poverty and toxic stress. The NC Association of County Commissioners is also sharing the film and Duke Pediatrics is putting together an ACEs task force. ▪ Brenda and Joanne gave an overview of the Alamance Achieves presentation that was made to the Dept. of Public Health board. The Collective Impact model was discussed as not simply cooperation but truly a new way of doing business. Alamance has selected education strategies to bring the community together to make the most positive impact on children. <p>The charge was given to be critical lovers of ourselves and our systems so that we can continue to ask better questions in order to achieve better outcomes for children, and not simply doing the same comfortable, unexamined things over and over.</p>
Whitted School	-John McCain reviewed the Executive Summary of Whitted and the plans for implementing 6 new pre-k classrooms in August, 2017 with the goal of providing high quality to ensure the outcomes we aim for. Community collaboration was highlighted as a great opportunity, with examples shared, neighborhood canvassing, and an emphasis on the need to recruit for all pre-k site options.
Community Awareness Committee -Advocacy update -Pre-K Task Force -Kindergarten Registration Week volunteers	<p>-In Bob's absence, Laura shared a one-page update on the Governor's budget which is one step in the long-session General Assembly actions. Other sources of information on early childhood education were offered.</p> <p>-Linda invited the board to the Pre-K Task Force initial report presentation on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. The key next steps will be parent and community engagement and to consider what level of support can be expected for an intentional expansion. It is suggested that DPfC have a coordinating role for expansion given our NCPK contract administration experience.</p>
Executive Director's Report	- The Smart Start conference from May 2-4 was announced and attendance at the Leadership Symposium was encouraged. Racial equity in education will continue to be the focus, featuring noted expert, Dr. Dorinda Carter Andrews from Michigan State University.
OTHER BUSINESS and ADJOURN	<p>-The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.</p> <p>-The next full Board meeting will be in August, 2017</p>