

Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting

May 10th, 2021- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm

Board members in attendance: Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt, Ed Gillott, Kelly Polich, Laura Phipps, Latifah Faisal (joined at 5:45), Lynn Chitty (joined at , Gail Kenkel (joined at 5:37), Eric Gebhart (Joined at 5:38), Jack Friend

Public in attendance: Sadie Bohr (Healthy Futures), Angi Esser (CCR&R) & Gina Wells (CCRR), Zach-Erickson Public Library.

Zach Stier, head of children services at Ericson Public Library and Little Engines

program Presentation:

Little Engines: A Railway to Learning. Program-was put on pause due to COVID-19. Pilot study-a family library of activities to encourage engagement. The library utilizes the Bean stalk-a reading/tracking program. Little Engines is built into Bean Stalk. Families/Children can earn activity badges. Partners include-Boone County Conservation, IPBS, Orchard Place, ISU Extension, Woodlawn early learning, and ISU library. More partners are potentially joining. Families will get a bag of materials including the book they get to keep. Rolling out in Mid August thru December. Working with a preschool teacher from Boone, siblings will also participate. Over the summer, Zach will be working with the teacher how to best get info. Pre and post survey will be given to participants consisting of 8 questions and sharing experiences. This program was partially funded through a mini-grant award from BOOST. Zach is available to come and present results to the Board once completed.

Approve Agenda:

Motion : Latifah

2nd: Eric

Unanimous approval

Approve Minutes 4/12/21

Motion: Laura

2nd: Jack

Unanimous approval

Public Forum:

Sadie shared that they have received fully accreditation for the Healthy Futures. Waiting on an extension for the NEST program. Healthy Futures and Nest are planning on combining once both are accredited.

CCRR- grants have not been accepted or approved. Some confusion and miscommunication which have left the program scrambling. Still waiting for information from the Fed Government on what will and won't be accepted as part of the application. Process is somewhat biased towards Center vs in home providers.

Board Processing Committee:

Area Director Report : Nikki shared updates.

Highlights- Nikki is working on RFPs and year end paperwork. She does need all of the board members to confirm their home address via email.

Nikki Annual Evaluation: Celeste reviewed the responses and provided some feedback, but wanted to review with Nikki first prior to sharing full responses with the Board. Overall responses were positive.

Budget and Finance:

Some extra money available in school ready. Nikki has reached out to make sure agencies are spending down their money as planned. BOOST can not carry over more than 20%. Invoices are coming in to Nikki and it looks like we won't go over the 20%. Mini Grants invoices are just now starting to come in.

Ed presented questions that he had regarding the Year to Date Budget. Ed requested more time to review the budget. Ed also asked for volunteers for the finance committee. Eric did volunteer to join the committee.

Approve April Finances as submitted: Ed requested that budget approval be tabled to the May 17 meeting to allow for additional review.

Motion: Eric

2nd: Gayle

Unanimous

Children Service Committee:

Preschool Updates: Scholarship information has been sent out. A few questions but people are excited about the new guidelines.

Public Relations Committee:

Old Business:

'Business' Member: Nothing new, we continue to need new board members

Discussion: Ed proposed we look for a business that has concern for employees' childcare availability.

Site Visits: Colo-NESCO visit next Monday in person. No children that day. Ed and Gail would like to join the zoom meeting for ISU Vet Med via Zoom.

FY21 Bike Helmet Carnival at the Pavilion in Boone on June 5th from 9:00-3:00, Kelly will do 9:00-12:00, Laura will help, Latifa is also signed up to help. Zach will be there from 9 to 12:00

New Business:

FY22 Board Member list update : Business-Celeste, family member role-Kelly, Eric-Education, Health-Laura, Early Care Boone County members: Laura, Gail, Kelly, Eric, Jack, Story County: Latifah, Alex, Lynn, Ed,

FY22 Board terms : Celeste agreed to serve another term.

Motion: Kelly Polich

2nd: Gail Kenkel

Unanimous

Election of Office : Celeste-Chair, Kelly-Secretary, Vice-chair-??? with possibility of moving into the chair position.

Motion: Ed

2nd: Latifa

Unanimous

Review of RFP Meeting Information: Board members will get a packet from Nikki, included will a met/not met criteria to complete for each applicant to be completed before the RFP meeting.

June meeting: Discussion to have a June meeting date on the calendar. June 21st meeting date.

Motion: Ed

2nd: Laura

Unanimous

End of the year gathering :

Watcha Smokin, Wallaby's - Will discuss through email

Quarterly Newsletter (Sept, Dec, March, June): Nikki has thought about creating a quarterly newsletter. This item will be moved to next meeting in July.

Ames Mental Health Panel May 20th :

Next meeting: May 17th 4:30pm -6:30 pm Via Zoom

Meeting Adjourn 7:00pm

