

## Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting

November 9th, 2020- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

**Board members in attendance:** Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt, Ed Gillott, Lisa Heddens,, Gail Kenkel, Kelly Polich

**Public in attendance:** , Kelsey Finke, Alyssa Barton, Megan Thompson, Sadie Bohr, Nancy Krause, Zach Stier, Megan Thompson, Lori Patton

**Zach presentation of Ericson Library** - Target birth to five population. Nancy introduced Zach. Zach presented at the beginning of the meeting due to him teaching a class later this evening. The Little Engines Program: (Virtual family engagement Program due to COVID). Funded by BOOST, objective to provide a family engagement tool. Focused on topics; play, social emotional learning, literacy, etc, ISU School of education (STEAM) and IPS(digital play) Des Moines Play Museum, Boone Naturalist, Mid Iowa AEYC (association for Education of Young Children) partners. How to help families with meaningful engagement. 1st conversation with partners What is family engagement? What are they going to be showing to families? Beanstack: brings all the programs willing to be apart of this together along with their activities and games

Nikki asked about Sesame Street. Nikki will give him some contacts and share info. Families will get tote bags with materials for activities.

Motion to approve agenda for 11/9/20 Board meeting: Lisa H.

2nd to approve agenda- Gail K.

Unanimous approval : Yes

Motion to approve Minutes from 10/12/20 meeting-Lisa H

2nd to approve Minutes from 10/12/20 meeting -Ed

Unanimous approval: yes

**Public Forum:** Kelsey Finke: Full enrollment for both preschool trainings, all were able to attend. Training organizer for spring, as Kelsey has put in the work already

Lora Patton: Angie Esther will take over Kelsey Finke's roll, but these two will work together in transition

**Area Director Report:** Processing Committee: Received 2nd qtr funding.

Annual report-reviewed and looked good. ECI Annual Meeting: (Virtual Meeting) Year end summary, Matt and Kate 2 advocates for ECI. Meeting went well overall. COVID guidance-continue with no face to face home visits.

Ames Library has a story line. 515-239-5636. Choose a # for genre. Story walks are taking place.

**Budget and Finance:**

Motion to approve FY21 October Financials-Lisa moved to accept as is

2nd to approve financials- Ed

Unanimous approval: yes

**Need meeting for FY22 budget review:** Lisa, Ed, and Nikki: December 7th @ 11:00 am

**Children Service Committee:**

**Need meeting for FY22 PK review:** Updating preschool contracts for the FY 22, CSC meet on January 18th @ 4:30.

**Mini Grant update:** Getting a few receipts in and update on how they are using the funds. Nikki suggested we have mini grant presentations in February.

**Derecho response emergency grant:** Kelsey and Lori. Requesting another 500.00 for home providers for damages they are not able to claim. Asking programs to write up how they will use the additional funds.

Motion to approve the use of the rest of the funds- Kelly

2nd - Gail

**Unanimous: no, kelly, Lisa, Celeste, Ed, Gail**

Motion to approve the use of the rest of the Derecho Funds, extended to all service providers that were originally contacted. Those who have already been granted funding can apply for an additional \$500.00 for home providers and centers to be completed by December 31st, 2020. :

Lisa

2nd: Ed

**Unanimous: Yes**

**Old Business:** Board members: Woman from Ogden City Council.

**New Business:**

**Computer and Quickbooks pricing** - Nikki recommends we don't pay for the online quickbooks. She can enter into quickbooks when she goes into the office. Nikki will have Eric at the Boone Office look at her laptop to see if he can fix it. Is it worth it? What is his recommendation?

**Sesame Street in Communities**-Provide children with Social Emotional support thru the use of puppets. Orchard place is involved with this initiative. Topics include: parent in prison, trauma, divorce. Training for childcare providers so they can be using them with the children.

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/community/greater-des-moines-iowa/>

**New Member book- need meeting** - Nikki is compiling information to include in the book. The board needs to reach out with ideas to include in the new member book

**ICAP Risk Control Visit**-No concern of risk for BooSt from the meeting Nikki had with the ICAP risk agent.

**Next meeting December 14th with presentation from NAMI**

**Meeting closed at 6:50**