

Minutes Template

BooSt Together For Children Board Meeting

July 12th, 2021- Via Zoom 5:30 pm -7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

**Board members in attendance:** Nikki Fisher, Celeste Mortvedt(5:37), Kelly Polich, Latifah Faisal,, Eric Gebhart,Lynn Chitty, Jack Friend

**Public in attendance:** Megan Thompson, Angi Esser, Peg Ragner

Approve Agenda:

Motion : Latifah Faisal

2nd: Lynn Chitty

Unanimous vote: Yes

Approve Minutes 5/17//21

Motion: Lynn Chitty

2nd: Kelly Polich

Unanimous vote: Yes

**Public Forum:**

**Sadie/Peg: Healthy Futures** Sadie moved to Sioux City. YSS is moving to the third floor in the Jacobson center. Opening fully but following church guidelines. In person shopping at the store, meetings still zoom.

**Angi CCR&R-** Gathering QRS info for visits, face to face trainings-looking for places to have the meetings. Investing in Early Childhood grants-DHS has said to not take any more apps. In the process of awarding some. PK Seminar Sept. 25th, not sure where it will be yet

**Megan:** WIC clinics back in person. More in person visits with in home providers and planning training.

**Board Processing Committee:**

Area Director Report : Nikki will continue to provide the report to the board before the meeting. Drop in number of kids participating in preschool, after seeing the numbers for FY21 and comparing to FY20. Boone library-Music in the park. Nikki handed out helmets. Another event will take place in August. Helmets will also be handed out at this event. Nikki had a vacation in June.

Area Director Evaluation: Nikki would like to continue with yearly evaluations. Nikki is attending free seminars, net working with others, being engaged in county events

**Budget and Finance:**

Approve June Finances as submitted:

Motion: Eric noting they are incomplete for year end FY21 as of now and will be completed according to ECI guidelines

2nd: Jack

Unanimous: Yes

Quarterly Committee Meetings : Nikki would like to have quarterly meetings with the finance team instead of once a year. Eric agrees with qtrly meetings. Nikki will reach out to Ed, as he is another participant for the Budget and Finance committee.

**Children Service Committee:**

Preschool Updates: Possibly August 10th @ 10:30 if this date works for Laura. Nikki will reach out to Laura and then schedule a meeting.

**Public Relations Committee: nothing new**

## **Old Business:**

'RFP and contract updates: Celeste and Nikki will meet to get all the contracts signed.

Vice-chair Officer: Eric volunteered    Laura Motioned    Latifah 2nd.    Unanimous Yes

Quarterly Newsletter: Boost newsletter informing Boost and others are doing. Everyone seemed to enjoy this idea. It was stated to make sure we dont put too much in the first one, as we dont want to overload anyone. We will make sure to review it as a board before it goes out to the distribution list. 1st one will go out in October, will review it at Sept. Board meeting.

## **New Business:**

Tool N: on ECI website. Designation process for Boost in October of 2022. We will all be involved.

Community Plan: Story county needs assessment was completed and returned to Nikki. I2D2 a program to collaborate all county data. Nikki will be using all this data to update the community plan. She will be sharing information as she writes the new plan and make sure to get feedback from the board and provide information.

Designation Process: Nikki will help the board understand the process. The board has one coming Oct. 2022

Association Dues - Nov 1st-an action item for August. \$751.00 Do we want to include the association dues in our yearly budget? Things that the association brought to us were: **Legislative Successes**

Below is a brief overview of the successes during this legislative session. The Education Appropriations bill, HF 868, was signed May 20, 2021 and included the following:

- ECI received an increase in funding of \$546,000 or a 2.4% in school ready funding; this was the largest increase in funding since 2007. The 2.4% increase mirrors the state supplemental aid (allowable growth) that local school districts receive.
- A language revision that increases School Ready funding for administrative expenses from 3% to 5%. This revision mirrors administrative expenses with the Early Childhood funding.
- A language change that provides a more useful approach to the Community Plan Fiscal Assessment.

Next meeting: August 9th 5:30pm -7 pm Via Zoom and Location TBD  
Meeting Adjourn 6:36 pm