

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Department of Libraries

1:00 PM

The agenda was posted at 200 NE 18th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 11:57 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Natalie Burns at 1:09 p.m.

Natalie Burns welcomed new board members Kent Gardner and Annette Jacobi; and new designee Zach Cole.

Annette Jacobi introduced herself. She is now the Executive Director of The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

Kent Gardner introduced himself. He is currently the Vice President and General Council at the Funk Companies.

Zach Cole was welcomed by Natalie Burns as designee for OCCA.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Misty Montgomery.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Natalie Burns, Ann Cameron, Vaughn Clark (*Designee to Deby Snodgrass*), Zach Cole (*Designee for Kay Floyd*), Kathy Cronemiller, Joy Culbreath, Bill Doenges, Kent Gardner, Annette Jacobi, Janet Karner (*Designee to Marcie Mack*), Cindy Koss (*Designee to Joy Hofmeister*), Kermit McMurry (*Designee to Glen Johnson*), Susan McVey, Misty Montgomery, Shelly Patterson (*Designee to Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard*), Ryan Posey, Ray Potts, Edd Rhoades (*Designee to Preston Doerflinger*), Amy Tate (*Designee to Stephan Wilson*), Annie Koppel Van Hanken

Cindy Koss left at 2:16 pm

Shelly Patterson left at 2:45 pm

Joy Culbreath left at 3:17 pm

Members Not Present

Blayne Arthur, Lesli Blazer (*Designee for Ed Lake*), Curtis Calvin (*Designee to Polly Anderson*), Marny Dunlap, Rita Echelle (*Designee to Noel Tyler*), Shannon Lee (*Designee to Terri White*), William Lightfoot, Jessica Ockershauser, Kim Pearsall, Sarah Roberts, Anthony Stafford

Staff Present

Diane Bell, Peggy Byerly, Kiersten Durning, Laura Hamilton, Christopher Lee, and Megan Scott

Guests Present

Jake Yunker

Approval of Minutes

Natalie Burns requested the Board review the minutes from September 21, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Susan McVey to accept the September 21, 2017 minutes. Kermit McMurry seconded the motion. Kent Gardner, Annette Jacobi, Edd Rhoades, and Annie Van Hanken abstained. The motion passed.

Financial Review

Ryan Posey presented the finance report. The OPSR budget is on track thus far in the fiscal year.

OPSR Foundation Report

Bill Doenges thanked the Board for their support. He shared that the OPSR Foundation is planning a fundraising drive in April during the Week of the Young Child. More information will follow.

Executive Director Report

OPSR FY18 Focus Areas

Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)

- The framework for data sharing is in place
- Child and Adolescent Workgroup has developed a test case
- Data Quality Campaign Oklahoma Communications Toolkit will be used for target audience messaging
- SHINE Grant/Child Trends technical assistance has prioritized the following outcomes:
 - School Readiness – relationship between participation in home visiting and school readiness; developmental screening and referrals
 - Child Maltreatment – correlation between participation in home visiting and confirmed child maltreatment
 - Health – relationship between health care visits and participation in home visiting

Early Learning Inventory

- Kindergarten teachers completed the first classroom assessment phase.
- Kindergarten teachers and administrators completed survey on how well the professional development supported implementation.
- Next steps – schedule focus groups and interviews, conduct follow up survey.
- OPSR staff Megan Scott will be one of the presenters in January for a BUILD webinar on Kindergarten Assessment.

Early Childhood Research Symposium will be held on January 25th.

Home Visiting Report with Expansion Opportunity

- Home Visiting report submitted December 1, 2017 in accordance with state legislation

Resource Sharing Through Partner Networks - The Community Strategies Workgroup is exploring strategies.

Build Political Will

- Set a priority agenda that we can clearly communicate
- Identify messengers
- Engage local business and community leaders, candidates

Other updates

News 9 story aired on the cost of child care. Kathy Cronemiller reported that child care centers saw an increase in enrolled immediately following the news clip.

The OPSR Annual Report was submitted November 1st. The annual report format has changed to an electronic, interactive format.

Fall Interim Studies and Pending Legislation

- Kathy Cronemiller presented at the Fall Interim Studies.
- Discussion occurred on pending legislation.

Oklahoma Department of Education Striving Readers Grant

- State Department of Education received a \$21 million grant from US Department of Education.

Alliance for Early Success Partner Summit Report

- This topic was not discussed during the OPSR Board meeting.

OPSR Workgroup Report

Natalie Burns reminded members of the three work groups created to support and address the FY18 focus areas and solicited for participation. They are 1) Community Strategies Work Group, 2) Needs Assessment Data Work Group, and 3) Adverse Childhood Experiences Work Group.

2018 OPSR Board Meeting Dates

Natalie Burns presented the 2018 OPSR Board Meeting Dates. A change is suggested to move the meeting that is usually held in May to June. The Executive Committee will meet two weeks prior to the OPSR Board meeting. The Finance and Operations Committee will meet three weeks prior to the OPSR Board meeting.

A motion was made by Kathy Cronemiller to accept the OPSR Board and Committee meeting dates. Ann Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Smart Start Oklahoma Transition

Natalie Burns shared the OPSR Foundation's recommendation on referring to the organization as Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, the name listed in state legislation, and discontinuing the use of brand name of Smart Start Oklahoma. Costs to support this transition will be supported by the Foundation.

A motion was made by Bill Doenges to accept the OPSR Foundation recommendation to refer the organization as Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness instead of Smart Start Oklahoma. Ann Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

Governor's Liaison Report

Natalie Burns shared that the Governor's Liaison Report section of the OPSR Board agenda is new. The purpose of this report is to be more formal in communicating with the Governor. Jake Yunker, Deputy Policy Director for Governor Fallin's office was present during this meeting. The board was asked to consider if there were any recommendations or feedback they would like to provide to Jake. Members provided information to the Governor's office liaison regarding funding levels for childcare assistance and a request for mention of early childhood in the Governor's final State of the State Address. Jake stated that he will relay the messages.

Click for Babies Campaign

Peggy Byerly presented on the Click for Babies Campaign. The campaign creates awareness for parents of infants of the period of PURPLE Crying to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. The Health Department seeks donations of hand-knitted purple caps to be distributed through hospitals. The campaign was met with record-breaking success.

Chairperson Comments

Natalie Burns shared a board membership change, sharing that Bob Harbison will continue his service on the OPSR Foundation Board but will no longer sit on the OPSR Board. Natalie recognized the extensive legacy of service by Bob for early childhood education in Oklahoma.

Announcements

- Early Childhood Research Symposium Reception will be held on January 24, 2018 for invited guests only.
- Early Childhood Research Symposium will be held on January 25, 2018 at the University of Central Oklahoma.
- Kathy Cronemiller shared concerns the child care industry has expressed regarding the upcoming legislative session.
- Lesli Blazer shared that DHS will request bills relating to criminal background check and provisional employment for child care providers.
- Susan McVey shared that the Department of Libraries publishes an Oklahoma Almanac that is available online and in hard copy.

New Business

Natalie Burns asked for any new business. No new business.

Adjourn

Natalie Burns declared that the meeting be adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City.