

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2018
OPSR Conference Room
421 NW 13th Street, Suite 270
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
12:00 PM

The agenda was posted at 421 Northwest 13th Street, Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on January 31, 2018 at 8:36 a.m.

Call to Order

Natalie Burns called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Chris Lee.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Natalie Burns, Ann Cameron, Vaughn Clark, Ryan Posey, and Ray Potts

Members Not Present

Misty Montgomery and Anthony Stafford

Staff Present

Diane Bell, Kiersten Durning, Laura Hamilton, Chris Lee and Megan Scott

Guests Present

Shelly Patterson

***Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 16, 2017 were reviewed by committee members.

Motion made by Ryan Posey to approve minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting, seconded by Ray Potts. The motion passed by acclamation.

***OPSR Financials**

Ryan Posey presented the Financials to the committee as previously approved by the Finance and Operations Committee on Feb 1, 2018. He presented a new feature of the Financials – an additional line demonstrating percentage of budget spent to date. Ryan Posey also shared that due to some benefit changes in 2018, the DHS funds will be spent more quickly. Natalie Burns noted that on the Financials under the fourth column it states “OPSR Foundation FY 2108 Budget” which should state “OPSR Foundation FY 2018 Budget.” Laura Hamilton noted this and stated she will change it. Ryan shared that Paul Shinn of DHS suggested that OPSR put a proposal together for FY19 to present to Director Lake.

Motion made by Finance and Operations Committee to approve the OPSR Financials and the layout of the budget, seconded by Ann Cameron. The motion passed by acclamation.

Action Steps on OPSR 2018 Focus Areas

Debra Andersen reminded the committee that OPSR Board has three distinct work groups currently. OPSR Board member Shelly Patterson was introduced to the committee as the Data Needs Assessment work group chair. Shelly summarized the work group's mission to define benchmarks to align with OPSR's Pathway document and progress to date. Debra Andersen shared that determining which data source to use for each category requires sorting through many sources. Discussion was had on best ways to source data including the possibility of partnering with other organizations.

2018 Legislative Session Updates

Debra Andersen asked for Legislative Session updates that should be announced and potentially discussed at the upcoming Board meeting. Ray Potts offered a more detailed explanation of the two revenue-increasing plans being worked on by nonpartisan groups of business, civic and community leaders – one called the Step Up Oklahoma plan and an alternative but similar plan. If passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, either would produce public state funds that could support OPSR's mandates. The committee – while following this activity closely – concluded OPSR would not yet take a position on one specific plan but instead support both revenue-raising plans, but without becoming a petitioning organization. The committee also discussed various ways to better help OPSR with funding along with how to help communities that are in need. Separately, Debra Andersen shared that she will invite Representative George Young to the next OPSR Board meeting to speak and take questions in his role as Early Childhood Fellow, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

OPSR Board Agenda

Discussion was had on the OPSR Board Agenda and what should be included for the next meeting. It was suggested that the update to given on the OPSR Focus Areas would include an explanation that the workgroups are in the idea generation phase only at this point and that action steps would occur *after* ideas were properly vetted and approved by the Executive Committee. In addition, the Committee agreed to try out creating a standing agenda item under which a rotating number of agency heads would offer agency updates related to early childhood at each board meeting.

Motion made by Ann Cameron to approve the OPSR Board Agenda, seconded by Ryan Posey. The motion passed by acclamation.

Ryan Posey left at 1:38 pm

Executive Director's Report

- 2018 Early Childhood Research Symposium went really well with a record-breaking number of attendees learning about cutting-edge research and best practices as well as netting a profit due to the donations, sponsors and increased attendance fees.
- W.K. Kellogg Grant ends this month and OPSR has been invited to and will submit a no cost extension for funds that were not used during the grant cycle.

- Four OSPR Foundation Community Grants in the amount of \$5,000 were awarded to Communities that received a grant from DHS during FY17.
- The re-branding effort from OPSR from Smart Start Oklahoma is underway with the OPSR Facebook page name change. Staff is building an inventory of places the name change will need to occur and implementing. The broader process of building a new website and designing a new logo will be a slower process; hopefully achieved this FY, but may continue in FY19.

Chairperson's Comments

- Natalie Burns shared that it has been decided to remove the Governor's Liaison Report from the OPSR Board Agenda. Discussion was had on having the Governor's Liaison present at the Board meeting.

Announcements

- The University of Oklahoma, Humphreys Distinguished Education Lecture Series Dr. Julia Torquati on February 15, 2018 and Dr. Karen LaParo on February 21, 2018
- Resilience Conference, Potts Family Foundation, March 7th, 2018

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is June 7, 2018 at OPSR, 421 NW 13th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103 at 12:00 p.m.