

OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Department of Libraries

1:00 PM

The agenda was posted at 200 NE 18th St, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 9:45 a.m.

Call to Order

Natalie Burns, Chair, called the meeting to order 1:07 p.m.

Natalie welcomed new board members Angie Clayton, Governor appointed member and Secretary of State, Education and Workforce Development Dave Lopez. She also announced Polly Anderson is the new Executive Director at OETA, one of the state agency directors designated to serve on the board.

Angie Clayton shared her background with the board. She is the current owner of two, three-star child care centers, one in Tecumseh and the other in Moore. She is involved with the Child Care Association and Child Care Advisory Board.

Secretary Dave Lopez talked about his background and interest in early childhood. He is the Secretary of State and also the Secretary of Education and Workforce. In addition, he was an early pioneer of early childhood education.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Misty Montgomery.

Members Present

Debra Andersen, Blayne Arthur, Lesli Blazer (*Designee for Ed Lake*), Natalie Burns, Curtis Calvin (*Designee to Polly Anderson*), Ann Cameron, Angela Clayton, Vaughn Clark (*Designee to Deby Snodgrass*), Kathy Cronemiller, Joy Culbreath, Marny Dunlap, Rita Echelle (*Designee to Noel Tyler*), Kay Floyd, Annette Jacobi, Janet Karner (*Designee to Marcie Mack*), Cindy Koss (*Designee to Joy Hofmeister*), Dave Lopez, Kermit McMurry (*Designee to Glen Johnson*), Susan McVey, Misty Montgomery, Jessica Ockershauser, Shelly Patterson (*Designee to Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard*), Ryan Posey, Ray Potts, Edd Rhoades (*Designee to Brian Downes*), Amy Tate (*Designee to Stephan Wilson*), Annie Koppel Van Hanken

Cindy Koss arrived at 1:26 pm.

Ann Cameron arrived at 1:35 pm.

Blayne Arthur arrived at 2:00 pm.

Kermit McMurry left at 2:30 pm.

Curtis Calvin left at 2:43 pm.

Annie Van Hanken left at 2:49 pm.

Dave Lopez left at 3:01 pm.
Ryan Posey left at 3:05 pm.
Vaughn Clark left at 3:27 pm.
Jessica Ockershauser left at 3:27 pm.
Lesli Blazer left at 3:34 pm.
Joy Culbreath left at 3:35 pm.
Cindy Koss left at 3:35 pm.

Members Not Present

Bill Doenges, Kent Gardner, Shannon Lee (Designee to Terri White), William Lightfoot, Sarah Roberts, Anthony Stafford

Staff Present

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

Guests Present

Representative George Young

Approval of Minutes

Natalie Burns requested the Board review the minutes from December 7, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Annie Van Hanken to accept the December 7, 2017 minutes. Kathy Cronemiller seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

OPSR Financial Review

Ryan Posey presented the finance report which was approved by the Executive Committee to the board for review. He noted a change in the presentation of report to now reflect expenditures as a percent of the year-to-date budget. There is a small lapse in the DHS budget. However, at the calendar year, benefits increased slightly. This increase will offset the lapse through the end of the fiscal year. Annette Jacobi asked if there is any room in the budget in the event that there are new cuts due to the Step Up Bill not passing. Debra Andersen indicated there is a plan if budget cuts occur during FY18.

Action Steps for OPSR 2018 Focus Areas

- Build Political Will
 - The Center for Economic Development created a Return on Investment Infographic for the Florida Chamber Foundation titled “What if all children in Florida had access to high-quality child care?” OPSR requested CED to create a similar infographic for Oklahoma. This will be a resource to use in building political will. The members of the board discussed ways to customize this document for Oklahoma.
- Updates from Agency Representatives
 - Dr. Edd Rhoades, Department of Health reported that the federal legislation for MIECHV (home visiting programs) has been renewed for five years. They expect more cuts to the state budget with the revenue measures not passing through legislation. Brian Downes has been announced as Interim Commissioner at OSDH.

- Shelly Patterson, Health Care Authority, reported that Congress has reauthorized funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program for six years with an extension of four more years.
- Lesli Blazer, Department of Human Services, reported they are waiting to hear details about the CCDBG (child care) grant. She reached out to their regional office, but do not have an official response at this time.
- Cindy Koss, State Department of Education, reported the Superintendent established four work groups to support their ESSA plan. Debra Andersen is on the Ready to Read work group. Sharon Morgan will be moving into a new position as Literacy Specialist for the Striving Readers grant. SDE has announced a position for a Senior Director of Early Childhood.
- Work Group Updates
 - Shelly Patterson, chair of the Needs Assessment work group reported that the group is looking at the framework of North Carolina and Oklahoma. The group is identifying indicators and data sources.
 - Marny Dunlap, chair of the ACES work groups reported that her group is looking at policy recommendations that can help combat ACES.
 - Misty Montgomery, chair of the Community Strategies work group reported that her group is discussing how to facilitate communications with communities. Currently this group is waiting on the other two groups to develop indicators and policies, then they will identify actions to take on these.

2018 Legislative Session

- Debra Andersen reported Megan Scott has created a Legislative Tracker for 2018 similar to the one created for 2017. Strategies for distribution to OPSR Board members was discussed. Suggestions included emails and putting the tracker on the website.
- Natalie Burns introduced Representative George Young, who spoke to the board in his capacity as Oklahoma State Representative for District 99. Representative Young presented to the board his passion for early childhood and how that impacts his work as a state representative.
- Natalie Burns asked the OPSR Board if the group wants to host a legislator and or candidates during each meeting. There were discussion on whether the group can and if it will be an issue with the Ethics Commission. Debra Andersen stated she will contact the Ethics Commission for clarification.

OPSR Foundation Report

Ann Cameron presented the Foundation Report as Mr. Doenges was not present.

- Great symposium with a lot of great feedback.
- She recognized all the organizations and companies that sponsored the 2018 Early Childhood Research Symposium by name.
- The Steering Committee will be working on a new topic for the 2019 Early Childhood Research Symposium.
- PowerPoint Presentations from the symposium are posted online on the OPSR Foundation website.
- The 2018 symposium was filmed by UCO staff and will be available.

- The OPSR Foundation will hold an individual giving fundraising campaign during the Week of the Young Child from April 15-19, 2018.
- Grant proposal updates were shared. The OPSR Foundation is submitting applications to three state and national grant makers.
- Ann Cameron thanked all the OPSR staff for their hard work on the symposium.

Executive Director Report

Debra Andersen reported the following:

- Early Childhood Research Symposium Video was shared with the OPSR Board. Debra thanked all the participants in the video.
- March 6th the OPSR Foundation will hold a LENA Systems Presentation.
- News9 Report on Adverse Childhood Experiences was referenced.
- OPSR is currently requesting quotes for rebranding and developing a new website.

Chairperson Comments

Natalie Burns shared the results of the Zeetings question asked at the beginning of the Board Meeting and the results of the same question asked at the Research Symposium. In both meetings, brain research was the number one reason that most resonates with the board and with the Symposium participants as to why early childhood is critical.

Natalie invited discussion about the frequency of meetings and the meeting format. Some members felt the time between the first two meetings of the calendar year is long and perhaps an April meeting might be indicated. Other members indicated that much gets accomplished in workgroups, decreasing the need for additional meetings.

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
- LENA Meeting, March 6th, 2018 CHK|Central Boathouse, OKC
- Resilience Conference, March 7th, 2018, Embassy Suites, Edmond

New Business

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

Adjourn

Natalie Burns declared that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in Oklahoma City.