

Kids' Corps, Inc.
Policy Council Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2018

Members Present:

Noreen White, VP
Lynndsi Strong
Raheel Asghar
Maria Muldoon
Tasi Sablan
Natyie Briggs
Lori Xiong
Tammy Satterfield

Members Absent:

Tracy Peters, P excused
Rose Justiniano, excused
Dawn Postma

Staff Present:

Dirk Shumaker, Executive Director
Ronnie Brown, FCS

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm, Quorum present at 6:30pm

Financial Report and Credit Card Expenses:

Dirk went over the financial reports. He explained the current ratio number has improved significantly since last year. This is important with any business, good to have increase in net assets. A good sign in business to see assets growing. Expenses show 82% spend out which is right on target with two months left in the program year. Budget spending is right on target as well. Reviewed credit card expenses. Peledgreene will credit back expense of \$250 (deposit on food vending truck for fundraiser).

Minutes:

Minutes for April reviewed. No changes or concerns at this time. Lynndsi motioned to accept the minutes, Tasi seconded. Motion approved.

New Hires:

No new hires for the month of May. Reviewed sub list. Tasi motioned to accept the sub list as presented, Lori seconded. Motion approved.

State Grant:

Dirk reviewed the state grant applications for Fiscal Year (FY) for 2019 and FY 20. We will be getting the same amount of state funding in FY 19 as we did this year. The application is also the same. The FY 20 application is much different; we may receive a different funding level in FY 20. The FY 20 grant will be much more restrictive, which means there will be fewer activities and functions we can use state funds for in FY 20. The application requests assistance for the following

- 20% of wages, benefits and taxes for teachers, assistant teachers and center directors
- Mental Health Consultant hours for more on-site check ins with center staff,
- Disabilities and Mental Health Coordinators wage, benefits, and taxes

- Mentor Coach wage, benefits, and taxes
- 25% of Education Coordinator wage for Coaching to Fidelity
- 10% for administrative overhead
- Staffing for three ASD partner sites.

This amount totals \$802,426, which is less than this year. KCI should know amount receiving in August. Tammy motioned to approve the state grant, Maria seconded. Motion approved.

Parent asked question regarding other funding sources and opportunities to raise funds to help cover costs. What fund raising efforts does KCI do. Dirk mentioned that the board has held two fund raising events this year that PC members helped to support. He also mentioned that we can and do apply for grants from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska Children's Trust. Further discussion ensued. KCI has a fund raising committee anyone is welcome to join. Board of Directors look into all possible funding sources as they become available.

COLA:

There will be an increase of 2.6% in permanent wages for all current employees for a total of \$75,739. This increase is retroactive to November 2017 and received this summer. There was also additional funds of \$6,550 for technical assistance. Natye motioned to approve the COLA grant, Tasi seconded. Motion approved.

Other program news:

KCI received an initial notice of award of \$150,698 from DEED (state of Alaska) to fund Parents as Teachers (PAT) for FY19. This is about double what KCI received last year but less than requested for full funding of PAT supervisor/home educator. Hours for this position reduced to 35 from 40 and some training eliminated to keep expenditures on budget.

Spring CLASS scores showed great improvement over Fall scores. KCI had one classroom that nearly achieved a perfect score (7, 7, 6.9) (seven being highest score can achieve). No classroom scored in the lowest 10% for Instructional Support. A full report will be available at the July meeting.

Dirk thanked Tammy, Noreen and Tasi for helping with the garage sale. Money raised was \$2500. Good beginning for future endeavors.

Noreen asked the members if someone was interested in the secretary position. Ronnie explained the process and the reason why it's good to have someone else taking notes. Tammy stated she would like to try. Lynndsi motioned to accept Tammy as secretary, Maria seconded. Motion approved. Tammy received her binder for her monthly packets.

Family and Community Engagement Specialist:

Ronnie presented a Strengthening Families survival kit for each member of the PC. She went over the steps to stay connected, be resilient, share emotions, learn about your child's development and how to connect with concrete supports. She explained how the Strengthening Families Initiative is already embedded into the program and how to share with families. She reminded the PC to connect with each

other over the summer. Go to the park or on a picnic with each other or just call to chat. Handed out current roster with members phone and email addresses.

Ronnie then asked the council if they would like to play another game. A game that required two groups. One person is blindfolded, another person of group the speaker. The speaker would provide instruction to the person blindfolded and they would draw what they heard. After five minutes, they could change out the speaker, if wanted. Conclusion was about saying what we want or think and how it's perceived. If you aren't getting the right response, try stating in a different way. The point was communication. We don't always say what we think we are saying. We don't always hear correctly what is meant, we can always ask questions.

Dirk presented Ronnie with a Thank You card signed by the PC members along with a gift card for her hard work over the course of the year, taking on assignments not usually asked as part of her job duties.

Next PC meeting will be a joint Board and PC meeting held on July 26th. Dirk will contact PC if the date changes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynndsi Strong