

St. Anthony-New Brighton Family Services Collaborative Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 21st, 2022
City Council Chambers – 3301 Silver Lake Rd.
6:30 pm

Our vision: Develop healthy, well-adjusted youth, supported by informed and caring families in a welcoming and concerned community

Present: Lucy Rosario, Wendy Webster, Catie Michaelson, Jackie Weber, Sully Gould, Jeremy Sroga, Jeff Ozanne

Welcome and Introductions

Elections for chair and secretary – Jeff was nominated and approved for secretary. Catie nominated and approved for chair.

Approval of the Minutes – It was asked that the May minutes include clarifying questions and abstaining votes from the vote around designating funds to hire a mental health coordinator for the school. It was also suggested to include more content of discussion around votes and reports. Since there was not quorum a motion to approve the minutes was not in order and approval was put on hold until the next meeting.

How do we want to function as a group – There was discussion on how we want to function as a group. People wondered about whether Robert's Rules were the best way to function or if there were other models for running meetings that might better achieve our goals of collaborative conversation and welcoming new voices. The conversation focused around value of more organic style. Wendy shared that Marius Massie is doing a training for the Bloomington schools around this and it might be possible to have some of our group participate. Lucy offered her expertise in facilitating circle process and explained how that has looked in other settings. There was consensus to explore these options further, and Lucy agreed to support us in facilitating a circle process for the next meeting.

Discussion of future meeting times – We discussed how often to meet and the consensus was that monthly is the right pace. Discussion then moved on to the location. It was explained that using City Hall and gave us access to Nine North which does the taping for Council meetings and offers a way to allow people to participate remotely. Using Nine North would require the meeting to happen using the council chamber set-up which people felt could be off-putting and make conversation harder. It was explained that to meet Open Meeting laws it was necessary to have it possible for anyone meeting remotely to see everyone in the room and everyone in the room to see anyone meeting remotely. Jackie will explore if there are other devices that would make this possible besides the set-up used by the city council. While we continue to explore options for people to connect remotely, it was decided that the city hall and community center would still be a good meeting place for our collaborative. Discussion then moved to possible times to meet. It was decided that it is hard to find a perfect time especially since it is hard to know how much the time is a barrier for people who do not come right now. Catie will send out a poll asking people to share what times. They will be given the option of Monday-Thursday and either late afternoon or evening. A comment section will be included to share any other concerns or suggestions.

Next meeting – It was proposed by the group that our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at 4:00 in the CS-9 Room in the Community Center. Catie will check in with Clare Rodriguez-Henderson who has expressed a desire to attend the next meeting as well. Catie will send confirmation of meeting date/time after that.

Waiver update – Wendy is expecting decision in writing this week on our application for a waiver of the fund balance requirements.

New Mental Health Coordinator – Lucy introduced herself as the new mental health coordinator for the school. She started July 1st. Prior to working here she worked in ISD#289 but prior was working on issues of trauma and healing including time spent in Mexico and the Bronx. She shared that she sees her work through lens of trauma and equity. She also teaches at the University of Minnesota and is a fellow at St. Thomas.

Bylaws Update – A draft of the by-laws has been put together. People are asked to look at by-laws and the collaborative handbook before our next meeting. Everyone is asked to bring questions and feedback to the group.

Change the Outcome Screening – It was discussed in May as to whether someone in community wanted to host a screening. Vicky the former treasurer wondered if we would want to do this. The documentary is focused on the opioid epidemic. Jackie will do some research on whether we want to do this. Wendy will follow-up with Vicky.

Other items – Wendy shared that police continue to get a lot of mental health calls. It was for asked how the new 9-8-8 number was affecting these calls. This was something we decided would be good to continue to monitor. Jackie will bring treats next meeting.

Respectively submitted by Jeff Ozanne