



# Board of Trustees Meeting MINUTES

February 15, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

<b>Chair:</b>	Deborah Feldman
<b>Note Taker/Time Keeper:</b>	Barbara Elrod
<b>Members Present:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PJ Brafford ( <i>arrived at 12:30 p.m.</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Feldman <input type="checkbox"/> Anissa Lumpkin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane McGee-Rafal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Rippey <input type="checkbox"/> Angeline Washington
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Anissa Lumpkin, Angeline Washington
<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Vision:</b>	All Montgomery County, Ohio children are ready for kindergarten.
<b>Mission:</b>	Preschool Promise ensures that children are ready for Kindergarten by equipping Preschools and families with exceptional support, coaching, and education.

## CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

### 1.) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Deborah Feldman.

### 2.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Board reviewed minutes from the meeting held on December 9, 2020.

*Jane McGee-Rafal motioned for approval. Jamie Rippey seconded the motion.*

*All in favor; none opposed; motion passed (4-0).*

### 3.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Ashley Marshall shared that we have 1,400 fully enrolled students for this school year. The application for the 2020-2021 school year will remain open longer this year to help families as schools re-open in-person.

Robyn Lightcap shared that the Committee to Transform Preschool for Black Boys' first meeting is this coming Thursday (February 18, 2021). The Committee consists of 19 Black men and the Committee Chairs, Rev. Joshua Ward, and Jonathan Washington, are eager to get started. The Committee includes a great mix of Dads, Preschool teachers and community members.

Barbara Elrod presented the Quality updates with 307 unique teachers, assistant teachers and administrators participating in our professional development offerings to date. The breakdown by training type is: Professional Learning Communities-221 participants with 15 offerings; Workshops-95 participants with 5 offerings; and X-Treme Trainings-94 participants with 5 offerings. She also stated that we currently have 50 Swivls and iPads in the field being utilized for CLASS assessments and coaching for our PLCs.

Robyn Lightcap shared that we are continuing to receive tremendous responses about the Play Boxes being offered this year. We will be offering this again next year. Robyn also shared an update on the Step Up To Quality Star Rating and Improvement System administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. She stated that sites need to be at least a 3-star by the year 2025 and that the sites in Montgomery County have significantly increased their Star Ratings. In 2008 there were 5 sites that were star rated compared to 276 sites in 2021. Thanks to Montgomery County's support, we are working closely with 4C for Children and offering assistance to centers beyond the Preschool Promise boundaries to continue to meet the year 2025 deadline.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS**

The Board approved the presented financial statements as of December 31, 2020.

*Jane McGee-Rafal motioned for approval. PJ Brafford seconded the motion.*

*All in favor; none opposed; motion passed (4-0)*

### **5.) CONTRACT ADDENDUM APPROVAL – 4C for Children**

The Board approved an addendum to the contract with 4C for Children to provide support to child care providers in Montgomery County to help them earn a 3-Star Rating or higher in the amount not to exceed an additional \$15,000 through the end of the contract as outlined in the Scope of Work (under separate cover)

*PJ Brafford motioned for approval. Jane McGee-Rafal seconded the motion.*

*All in favor; none opposed; motion passed (4-0)*

### **6.) CONTRACT APPROVAL – Terry Razor**

The Board approved a contract with Terry Razor to fabricate and install the Play on Purpose experience at the Gem City Market. As the Play on Purpose Fabrication Consultant his contract will be October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in the amount not to exceed \$32,000.00. This is being paid for with a grant from What Works Cities.

*Jane McGee-Rafal motioned for approval. Jamie Rippey seconded the motion.*

*All in favor; none opposed; motion passed (4-0)*

### **7.) CONTRACT APPROVAL – Toledo Early Learning Coalition**

The Board approved a contract with the Toledo Early Learning Coalition for back-office, shared services support for three centers outlined in the Scope of Work (under separate cover) during February 15, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.

*Jane McGee-Rafal motioned for approval. PJ Brafford seconded the motion.*

*All in favor; none opposed; motion passed (4-0)*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.) 2021-22 School Year**

Ashley Marshall shared that the student application for next year will open in May and the Operations team is currently working with providers on their registration events. She was excited to report that they conducted the Provider Info Sessions for the 2021-22 program year with over 100 attending through 4 sessions. We are adding West Carrollton for the coming year and are accepting Provider applications until March 1st. There are 21 new potential providers for next year.

Ashley stated that the Preschool Promise Plus program will end July 31 and that we will not be utilizing the tablets for next year. We will reinstate the Star Attendance program for next year, and will continue the monthly Play Boxes that have been extremely popular with children and families.

**9.) ADJOURN**

*Deborah Feldman adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.*