



Board of Trustees Meeting MINUTES

February 23, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtually on Zoom

Dayton & Montgomery County

Chair:	Debbie Feldman
Note Taker/Time Keeper:	Barbara Elrod
Members Present:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PJ Brafford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deborah Feldman <input type="checkbox"/> Anissa Lumpkin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane McGee-Rafal <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Rippey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dwan Tarrance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angeline Washington <input type="checkbox"/> Chanel Winston
Members Absent:	Anissa Lumpkin, Jamie Rippey, Chanel Winston
Guests:	
Vision:	All Montgomery County, Ohio children are ready for kindergarten.
Mission:	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 12:02 p.m. by Deborah Feldman.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed minutes from the meeting held on December 7, 2022.

PJ Brafford motioned for approval.

Jane McGee-Rafal seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Hertia Mims, Coaching Specialist from the Preschool Promise Quality Education staff team, joined the meeting to share a testimony from an Administrator of one of our partner sites. Johnita Pits, Administrator from West Park Academy, shared how Conscious Discipline has helped her teaching staff and students. *“The more I learn and the more I practice the techniques of Conscious Discipline, the better I feel and the better these kiddos behave.”*

Robyn Lightcap shared information about receiving the Industry Sector Partnership Grant from the Ohio Workforce Development Office along with an additional grant from the Anonymous Donor both grants will allow us to continue our work in the Scholars Pathways & Workforce Development programs.

She also shared upcoming information on the Readiness Summit to be held on March 3rd at Sinclair College, the Excellence in Education event to be held on April 20th at Carillon, and the Kickoff event to be held at the Dragons' Stadium August 7.

Ashley Marshall shared that we have over 2,500 fully enrolled preschoolers attending at our partner sites and that applications for the 2023-24 school year will open in April.

FINANCIALS

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

The Board approved the presented financial statements as of December 31, 2022.

Jane McGee-Rafal motioned for approval.

PJ Brafford seconded the motion.

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. AGREEMENT APPROVAL - Mad River Local Schools

The Board approved a funding agreement with Mad River Local Schools to increase the number of high quality preschool seats and to provide preschool services to families through the Preschool Promise Program for the 2022-2023 school year in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00.

5. CONTRACT APPROVAL – SHP

The Board approved a contract with SHP to provide architectural consulting services during March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024 on an hourly, as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

6. HANDBOOK APPROVAL

The Board approved the 2023-2024 Provider Handbook.

PJ Brafford motioned for approval for items 4-6.

Dawn Tarrance seconded the motion.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Robyn Lightcap shared updates on our strategic projects:

- We are talking with the producer of the film “Black Boys,” a 1.5 hour documentary that talks about life from the perspective of Black males in America. As part of our work to advance equity, we are planning to offer a series of screenings for our partner sites that will include the film and a reflection time following.
- As part of the Northwest Dayton Partnership work with Learn to Earn Dayton, we have implemented the RESPECT Pilot, the one-year pilot to provide monthly stipends or grants to child care staff. We have been providing monthly payments averaging \$400 to over 220 child care staff at 14 child care sites. Unfortunately, the funding is not

continuing, however, we are taking what we have learned and applying those learnings to future projects.

- We are working with The Village Network, a certified mental health provider that uses Dr. Bruce Perry's Neurosequential Model, to develop our mental health pilot with a child care site in Northwest Dayton. Additional information will be discussed at the next board meeting when a contract is presented.

Robyn also shared information about the early childhood priorities in the Governor's proposed State Budget. On March 24th we are hosting a "Coffee and Circle Time" event with our local Representatives at Stepping Stones Childcare Center. We are also working on a "snail mail" campaign to send letters to legislators from families with young children and teachers of young children. Groundwork Ohio is hosting an "Advocacy Day" on March 8 at the Statehouse and we will be taking a team from Groundwork, including Board member Jane McGee-Rafal.

Ashley Marshall shared an update on the ELEVATE program. We partnered with SHP, the architecture firm, to create a training cohort to help Directors and Administrators assess the quality of the physical learning environment. We will be providing grants to help providers implement projects to improve their facilities. This project is focused on child care providers located in the City of Dayton. (Note that we cannot use Montgomery County funding for capital projects.)

7. ADJOURN

Debbie Feldman adjourned the meeting at **12:45** p.m.