

**From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Of
June 17, 2020**

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on June 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM through a Zoom Meeting initiated at 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida

Board Members Present:

Marc Gilner
Dianne Kopczyński
Diana Dill
Andrew Minor (no-voting)
Paul Sharff, Managing Director

Board Members Absent:

Scott Kallins (excused)
Linda Guritz (excused)
Howard Veltz (excused)

Present to Record:

Marie O'Connell

These minutes are a summary of the discussion and action items of the From Cradle to College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on June 17, 2020.

Welcome and Roll Call

Paul Sharff called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.
Paul Sharff conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Foundation Update

PEARLS Activities/OEL Contract

Mr. Sharff shared that the PEARLS program continues to successfully share training throughout the state via Zoom as we work our way through the current situation with COVID. To address the rapid changes that needed to be made in the program, the Program Implementation Manager position has been eliminated and that individual accepted a vacant position at the Coalition. Ms. O'Connell shared comments from training attendees with the Board, one of which read "Thank you so much. It was a heavy topic and heart-wrenching to have to come to terms with the reality that this could happen. But I feel grateful that the conversation is being had." PEARLS funding is anticipated to move forward for the 20-21 fiscal year, FCTCF is currently waiting for the budget to be signed by the Governor.

Monitoring Update

The Foundation responded to the OEL monitoring report in a timely manner and the response was accepted.

FCTCF Financials

Marie O'Connell and Paul Sharff shared a summary of financial activity for PEARLS and the Foundation with the Board members, projecting a net cash balance for the Foundation of approximately \$125,000 for fiscal year end. Mr. Sharff reported that the Foundation is financially sound, and that Marie O'Connell is doing a great job with PEARLS. He also stated that the Foundation continues to serve its purpose, taking expenses off of the Coalition and providing funds.

VPK Calendars

Mr. Sharff said VPK Calendar are currently being handled by the Coalition but will be brought under FCTCF and he is projecting profits of approximately \$90,000 for the year. He also noted that he continues his efforts to syndicate NextGen in other counties.

Golf Tournament 2020

The 9th Annual Golf Classic will be held on November 6th, at the IMG Academy. FCTCF is anticipating an even more successful event for 2020. The Foundation thanks the Board for its prior support and looks forward to a great tournament this year.

Deja Blues 2020

Mr. Sharff noted that the Deja Blues event was a great success last year and we look forward to another exciting event this year. The Foundation’s participation in the proceeds will increase this year and this is an event that supports valuable work, so we are pleased to continue our involvement with Deja Blues.

Leadership Prayer Breakfast 2021

FCTCF looks forward to kicking off the Leadership Prayer Breakfast in 2021 after the unfortunate cancellation this year due to COVID-19. The support for the event was very exciting and we know that it will be a great success in 2021. This significant event will not only be a good fundraiser for the Foundation but will bring our community together and provide a very positive message.

Items for Approval on Consent Agenda

NONE

Approval of the Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2019

Upon a motion duly made by Dianne Kopczynski and seconded by Diana Dill, the Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting of December 11, 2019 were unanimously approved as presented.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Sharff shared information with the Board about some COVID-19 related activities including additional funding being paid to childcare providers by the Coalition through COVID-19 related monies coming from the Office of Early Learning. It also appears that there will be approximately \$200 million in additional funding being distributed to the Coalitions around the state to help parents with childcare.

Mr. Sharff also shared that this day the newly outfitted ELC bus will be debuted at a press release where the Superintendent will announce her plan for bringing the children back to school. This bus will continue and expand the Coalition’s efforts to increase children’s learning through STEAM.

Also, today the CSAB will be considering a \$225,000 grant for the Foundation to present a program in the Manatee County African American community called WIT- Whatever It Takes. This is a very exciting program that includes children from VPK through grade 12 and parents as well. Mt. Sharff will be at the meeting today to answer questions.

Board member Dianne Kopczynski thanked both Paul and Marie for the progress being made and especially during COVID-19.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

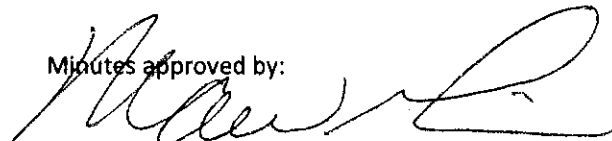
There being no further business to come before the Board, Diana Dill moved to adjourn, and Dianne Kopczynski seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:



Marie O’Connell

Minutes approved by:



Marc Gilner, Esq.