

From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Of
December 9, 2020

The From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc. held a Board of Directors meeting on December 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM through a Zoom Meeting initiated at 600 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida

Board Members Present:

Marc Gilner
Dianne Kopczynski
Diana Dill
Howard Veltz
Scott Kallins
Andrew Minor (no-voting)
Paul Sharff, Managing Director

Board Members Absent:

Linda Guritz (excused)

Present to Record:

Marie O'Connell

ELC Representative:

Darrell King

These minutes are a summary of the discussion and action items of the From Cradle to College Foundation Board of Directors meeting on December 9, 2020.

Welcome and Roll Call

Marc Gilner called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
Paul Sharff conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Foundation Update

County Funding/Contracts

Mr. Sharff explained to the Board that the Foundation had been very fortunate to receive CARES funding through the county. The Foundation used those funds to purchase and outfit a new bus to provide much needed services to the community both in food delivery and educational resources. This vehicle is considered a Mobile Community Center and will be an ongoing asset to the community, having been secured as a new vehicle that will remain operational for years to come.

As approved in the September meeting, the County funding expenses were shared with the Board for Approval as well as Financial Statements for November 2020.

Mr. Sharff shared a video of the bus with the Board, and Diana Dill remarked that it was beautiful, so brand new! Mr. Sharff explained to the board that the entire grant was for \$319,800 and the Foundation utilized approximately \$305,000. He also noted that there is another \$30 million that could possibly be combined with a new offering to the county.

The WIT (Whatever It Takes) program funded by the CSAB in the amount of \$210,000 was discussed. The first three months (10/1/20-12/31/20) are serving as a planning and development period, with full implementation starting in January 2021.

WIT is designed to assist families in the community with in-person program service delivery, but as with all in-person programs, COVID has been a concerning factor. Scott Kallins mentioned that perhaps Marjani Jones could help with recruitment, getting additional churches involved.

This unique program is targeted to serve 80 families for the first year with hopes of meeting that goal and expanding throughout the target areas.

Mr. Sharff shared with the board that one ELC staff member changed positions to join this program and one new staff member was hired. The Coalition will deliver the program through Shared Services for the Foundation.

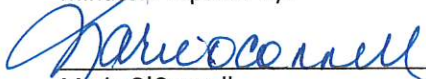
This is the first new program that the CSAB has funded in almost 5 years, and it was placed under the Foundation umbrella because it also involves older children.

The board members expressed their excitement that the Foundation was able to secure funding for such a unique program to serve Manatee County residents.

Adjournment

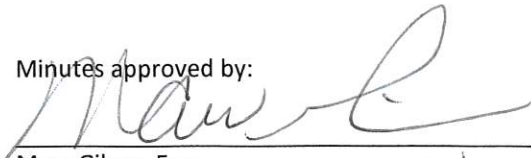
There being no further business to come before the Board, Dianne Kopczynski moved to adjourn, and Howard Veltz seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Minutes Prepared by:



Marie O'Connell

Minutes approved by:



Marc Gilner, Esq. 3/17/2021