

Kids Central Incorporated Board of Directors Meeting May 17, 2011

The Board of Directors of Kids Central Incorporated met May 17, 2011 at Kids Central's Administration Office. Will Sturgill, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Board Members present: Shirley Rogers, Edward Hutchinson, and Will Sturgill
Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Lindsey Sturgill, Kim Austin, Lisa Barton, and Sandra Harvey
Others present: Policy Council Members Sue Coleman and Dee Strouth

Minutes:

Will Sturgill presented the minutes of the last meeting (April 19th). With no comments or corrections, **Shirley Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes. Edward Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Finance Report

Lisa Barton presented the financial statements. She is in the process of closing out the year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Grants. Lisa reported that we received notice that we are going to continue to receive ARRA funds for at least six (6) more months (current ARRA funds end September 30th). However, the Regional Office wants an application for ARRA funds to include one year ending September 30, 2012.
- Board Resolution on Wise County Schools VPI Application. Darrell reported that during last month's Board meeting, Dave Belcher made a motion for Kids Central not to sign the VPI application for Wise County Schools. The motion was then changed to a resolution. The resolution was drafted with input from members of our Board of Directors. It basically states that Kids Central refuses to sign the 2011 – 2012 VPI funding application for Wise County Schools. It has not been presented to Wise County Schools as of yet. **Edward Hutchinson made a motion to approve the resolution refusing to sign the 2011 – 2012 Wise County Schools VPI application. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Darrell informed the Board that Teresa Adkins met with Dr. Jeff Perry, Superintendent of Wise County Schools, on May 12th to discuss our goals for collaboration. Basically it was agreed that there should be collaboration between KCI and Wise County Schools and it seems there is staff issues on their side that prevents this from happening. Darrell met with Marcia Shortt, Wise County Schools, this morning and gave a copy of the information they discussed to the Board members. Ms. Shortt is going to take this information to Dr. Perry. If Wise County Schools agree on this collaboration, we will need to submit a new Memorandum of Understanding between KCI and Wise County Schools

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for the 2011-12 Executive Committee. Darrell has been working with the Board to help get nominations for the following 2011-12 Executive Committee positions:
 - Chairperson – Teresa Adkins
 - Vice-Chairperson – William Sturgill
 - Secretary – Shirley Rogers
 - Treasurer – Edward Hutchinson

- Slate of Officers/Executive Committee for 2011-12. During the June meeting, the presentation of Slate of Officers and Executive Committee members will be given to the Board of Directors.

- Proposed Board Members for 2011-12. Nominations for new Board members need to be turned in as soon as possible. Two current Policy Council members are being submitted as nominations for membership; Dee Strouth and Thomas Williams. They are being sponsored by Board members Shirley Rogers and Edward Hutchinson, respectively.

- 2011-12 Award Nominations. Anyone with a nomination for the following Kids Central Awards needs to give the information to Darrell as soon as possible. Awards include the following:
 - The Donald Baker Leadership Award - for Board members
 - Kids Central Service Award – for Staff
 - Parent Policy Council In Appreciation Award – for Policy Council members
 - Kids Central Volunteer Award – for Volunteers
 - Kids Central Community Service Award – for Community Partners

- KCI's Goals for Collaboration with Wise County Schools. As stated earlier, Darrell gave members a copy of the goals for collaboration with Wise County Schools. These goals were discussed with Marcia Shortt who will take the information to Dr. Perry.

- Post Award Request. Lisa Barton reported that when we initially submitted our refunding application, we stated we were going to convert 40 Head Start slots to continue the 32 ARRA Early Head Start slots. We had expanded Early Head Start with the ARRA funds we received last year, and we submitted our refunding application as if we would not receive these funds this year. The Regional Office asked us to submit an application as if we were serving 360 Head Start children, and then submit a post award request to convert the 40 Head Start slots to 24 Early Head Start slots. We anticipate hiring two new Early Head Start Home Visitors and purchasing two new vehicles with start up funds. **Edward Hutchinson made a motion to approve and submit the Post Award Request. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- Program Calendars for 2011-12. Kim Austin presented full-year and part-year calendars for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Part-year children will attend 145 days and full-year children will attend 226 days. **Shirley Rogers made a motion to approve the 2011 – 2012 program calendars for full-year and part-year programs. Edward Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- Personnel Actions. Kim Austin presented the Board members with the following personnel actions:

- Angela Blanton – Hired as an Assistant/Cook/Housekeeper at Esserville
- Seth Blackburn – Terminated

Edward Hutchinson made a motion to approve the above personnel actions. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MONTHLY UPDATES

- Education, Enrollment, and Attendance. Kim reported that our attendance for April was 80.34%. Any attendance under 85% must be documented with the reasons and submitted to the Regional Office.

Currently we are showing one less enrolled in Head Start and one more enrolled in Early Head Start. This is due to a Head Start child that has a severe disability and is currently being served by an Early Head Start Home Visitor. He is actually a Head Start child.

- Family Involvement. Lindsey Sturgill, Family Involvement Specialist, reported that the year-end blast was great. We had approximately 1,000 people attend this year's event. The weather was nice, and everyone had plenty of activities and play areas to keep them busy.

Family movie night was held on Tuesday at the Central Drive-In. We had 526 people attend. The weather forecast was giving rain and we think that is why everyone did not attend this year, but the storms held off until the last few minutes of the movie. Everyone had a great time. Kids Central would like to thank Buddy Herron and the Central Drive-In for all of their help and support given us. Everyone there has been great to work with.

It was recommended that a plaque be given to the Central Drive-In and Cinema City for all of their time, support, and services given to Kids Central. **Shirley Rogers made a motion to purchase a plaque for the Central Drive-In and Cinema City to show our thanks. Edward Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

FOR THE GOOD OF KIDS CENTRAL/COMMENTS

Darrell stated that it has been very hectic around here trying to close out the year and it is bitter sweet because this has been such a great year for Kids Central. We have had higher staff morale this year and he gives credit to a great staff along with members of the Board of Directors and Policy Council. 2010-2011 will go down as one of our best years and 2011-2012 looks just as good.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kids Central Board of Directors will be a joint meeting with the Policy Council and will be held on June 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kids Central Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, **Edward Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

William Sturgill
Secretary

Sandra Harvey
Recording Secretary