

St. Anthony-New Brighton Family Service Collaborative
October 9, 2008
Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Shelley Freeman, Kim Matzoll, Jerry Hromatka, Rick Dunn, Roger Braun, Chris Gulachek, Becky Olson, Susan Bongaarts, Sharon Marsh, Randy Stille, John Ohl, Kathy Knapp, Frank Loreno, Dana Niklaus, Sorcha Nix, Alona Posherstnik, Dianne Sparks, Rod Thompson, Wendy Webster, Lynn Jeske, Kay Baker and Bonnie Brever

Meeting Notes:

Shelley Freeman proposed a correction to the June 19th, board meeting minutes which provided a LCTS update. Susan Bongaarts explained the update to the board. The audit was done as a random sample of school districts in the state. Each collaborative that shared in the funds must equally share in the repayment of the disallowance. Our collaborative must pay \$25,481 as its share of the LCTS Audit Disallowance. The state legislature granted levy authority to school districts to generate funds in order to pay their LCTS debits. The St. Anthony district will make a one-lump sum payment by the end of the school year. The motion to approve the minutes, with the proposed correction added to the minutes, was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Frank Loreno)

~Frank provided the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year 2008. Frank stated the LCTS payment was not included in the report because the payment will be coming out of the general fund and they will levy for that money back over the next three years.

School Based Mental Health Position (Gina Loe)

~Gina Loe with Nystrom and Associates wrote a grant for continued school based mental health in our school district over the next 3 year period and it was funded .

~Last year the program serviced 50 clients district wide. Because of this high usage, an additional therapist was hired for this year-Keith TerHaar.

After School Programs for 2008-09 (Roger Braun, Wendy Webster, Lynn Jeske)

~Several Middle School Clubs have been introduced this fall: dodge ball, Spanish, Rock Band and Guitar Hero. The response to these clubs has been excellent.

~St. Anthony Sports Boosters put in a new floor at the Elmwood Church which hosts the weekly Middle School Open Gym program. The church parking lot was also newly paved and serves the program well by allowing additional outdoor space for the students who attend each Tuesday and Thursday.

~High school students have also been hired to help assist with the Middle School Open Gym program because the larger attendance has required more supervision. Dana Niklaus has worked up student contracts for the high school students interested in supervising the program.

~There is a high school basketball program as well. It is run out of the community center gym on Mondays and Wednesdays; there have been 6-10 high school students participating.

~A senior citizen computer class also began this fall. It involved intergenerational participation with several middle school students mentoring the seniors each week. Collaborative board members that were involved in the class reported great success.

Parent Resource Committee (Chris Gulachek)

~There has been discussion about putting together a parent survey to gain feedback from parents about whether or not the collaborative is hitting the mark with families and their current needs.

~Dr. Kahn will speak on November 3rd, in the High School Library. His topic, Fading the Prompt, will help educate parents on how to step back and give their children more responsibility. He spoke at a parent gathering last year and was well received.

Web site (Bonnie Brever)

~The collaborative web site is up and running. Feedback was positive and there seems to be lots of potential in reaching more members of the community through the use of the site.

~The Parent Communication Directory is also on line this year. The fall updates for the directory went much smoother this year, thanks to Sharon Marsh, who streamlined the process.

Issues for 2008-09 (Shelley Freeman)

Drug and Alcohol Use

~Shelley briefly spoke about the need to synthesize the information found in the MN Student Survey for the SANB Schools for the parents and community as a whole. She expressed a need for the community to reexamine the policies that are currently in place for our youth. Perhaps a small task force could be assembled in which the following areas would be addressed: development of a parent component; school rules and policies; and community responsibilities. Shelley also recommended that Troy Urdahl (high school athletic director) and John Ohl (police chief) be involved, because of their direct involvement with the community's youth.

Tentative 2008-09 Meetings:

January 22, 2009

March 26, 2009