

Youth Services Committee Meeting
March 7th 2018

Meeting called to order at: 7:01 p.m.

In Attendance: Pat B., John W., Ashley S., Eric D., Cal D., Carla S., Dave Y., George B., Natalie W., Willie M., Jhontia W.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report: Dominique continues to build great relationships with girls at Brooks Middle School who attend her Girls on the Rise program. Amanda and Dominique will be speaking at a Nami open mic night on Friday, March 9.

New Business: Contract review

- OPRFHS Operation Snowball and Operation Snowflake
 - Motion to fund at \$5,900.00 made by Dave Y.
 - Motion Seconded by Natalie W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

Rationale: The committee is happy to see the addition of Operation Snowflake to this year's proposal. They felt that the organization really took into consideration the committee's efforts to focus on assisting youth in transition years and believes both programs will be a success based on the history of Operation Snowball.

- Fellowship Community Services Friday Night Place
 - *Motion to fund up to \$15,000.00 made by Jhontia W.
 - Motion Seconded by Natalie W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

* Jhontia motions to fund this program up to \$15,000.00 to finish out the remainder of the 2018 school year (April – May) with the understanding that FNP will submit an updated budget outline that excludes expenses for the Summer Smart Program.

District 97: The committee has recommended the following amounts for the D97 after school programs. They believe that these programs fit the criteria they have outlined in the contract request form and will be beneficial to the participants.

- Longfellow Rainbows
 - Motion to fund at \$2,547.75.00 made by Dave Y.
 - Motion Seconded by George B.
 - Motion passes unanimously

The committee would like to specifically reference how impactful it was to meet with representatives from this program at the Contract and Connect event the committee hosted in January.

- Longfellow Homework Helper Group
 - Motion to fund at \$4,8125.50 made by Dave Y.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

- Abraham Lincoln School After School Media Center Program
 - Motion to fund at \$6,937.50 made by Natalie W.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

- Mann Elementary Homework Help Club
 - Motion to fund at \$5,477.00 made by Natalie W.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

- John Greenleaf Whittier Elementary School
 - Motion to fund at \$5,812.50 made by Natalie W.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

- Irving Elementary SLAM program
 - Motion to fund at \$8,598.00 made by Natalie W.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

- William Hatch Elementary Skill Builders
 - Motion to table this contract to discuss it more in depth made by George B.
 - Motion Seconded by Natalie W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

Rationale: The committee would like to fund this program at a similar amount to the other after school programs. They recognize that the increased funding request is due to more hours and weeks outlined in the budget document and have some questions about program administrators possibly scaling back their program design by reducing the amount of hours and weeks this program meets.

- Holmes Elementary School Power of Partnerships
 - Contract tabled, additional questions for Program administrators.

Rationale: The committee believes this is a strong, integrated program that has proven results, but would like to see a letter of support from D97 before moving forward.

- CUC SMART Summer Student Empowerment Program
 - *Motion to fund up to \$50,000.00 made by Natalie W.
 - Motion Seconded by Jhontia W.
 - Motion passes unanimously

* A meeting with partnering agencies is ongoing and the committee is waiting to hear back on some decisions regarding costs related to food and transportation. The committee would like to set aside up to \$50,000.00 to fund the program, but will have a more definitive amount once they are able to hear back on the two previously mentioned budget lines.

- Park District of Oak Park Scholarship Program
 - Motion to at \$8,000.00 made by Jhontia W.
 - Motion Seconded by Willie M.
 - Motion passes unanimously

Rationale: The Park District continues to be an agency who effectively uses and is able to stretch the amount their program is funded at to serve as many youth in the community as possible. This program fits the parameters for contracted programs and the committee is impressed with the comprehensive reports this program provides.

Equity Team Contracts:

- Equity Team Math Academy

The committee would like to reach out to program administrators and get some clearer, more specific answers regarding the other funding sources for this program. They would like to see a proposal that includes more inclusive language, a letter of support from D97 confirming that they will provide space for this program to take place at. Members also would like clarification on the rates of instructors outlined in their budget.

- Equity Team Rising Readers

The committee would like to see a letter of support with partners named in the proposal. Because of the upcoming proposed start date of the program, they would also like to see a timeline for the program (ie: when will curriculum be written, when will recruitment begin?) before making a decision.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:02 P.M.

Motioned by: Cal D., Seconded by Natalie W.