



Bi-County Collaborative
Making It Possible

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Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2019

Members

In attendance: Mr. Peter Marano, Bellingham
Dr. Jason DeFalco, Blackstone-Millville
Dr. Lisha Cabral, Easton
Dr. Sara Ahern, Franklin
Ms. Karen Crebase, Hopedale
Mr. Paul Zinni, King Philip
Ms. Teresa Murphy, Mansfield
Dr. Allardi, Chair, Norfolk
Mr. Scott Holcomb, North Attleboro
Mr. David Raiche, Plainville
Mr. Robidoux, Swansea
Mr. Stephen Dockray, Tri-County
Dr. Cameron, Wrentham

Absent: Mr. David Sawyer, Attleboro
Dr. Amy Berdos, Foxborough
Dr. Kevin McIntyre, Milford
Dr. Joseph Baeta, Norton
Dr. Frank Tiano, Uxbridge
Dr. Lincoln Lynch, Walpole

Present: Dr. Grubert, Executive Director
Ms. Ciccone, Director of Finance & Operations

I. ACTION MATTERS

Approval of Board Minutes: October 11, 2018

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Robidoux, to approve the regular session minutes of October 11, 2018. The vote to approve was unanimous of those present, with one abstention by Dr. Cabral.

Donations

Dr. Grubert welcomed three parents of BICO students to present donations.

Greg Lewis who presented, on behalf of the Mteam, \$5,000 for the purchase of the Eye Gaze technology at King Philip Middle School in BICO's Life Roles Education Program. Ariana Iadarola raised \$5,044 during a bike run for the Summit Playground in memory of Justin Bernard. Tarsha Smith hosted a spin a thon at Fit Factory in Foxboro, raising \$500 for Bi-Count Collaborative.

In addition to the donations presented Jon Christianson, on behalf of CAPA Global Education Network, donated a \$250 Staples gift card for classroom supplies and materials and Suzette Renaud made a donation of \$25.00 for Summit Playground.

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Motion by Mr. Zinni, seconded by Dr. Ahern, to accept the donations to the Bi-County Collaborative. The motion passed unanimously.

Employees Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Dr. Cabral, to approve Employee Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absences as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance

Dr. Grubert presented information about the GIC as a health insurance option for Bi-County Collaborative. Although no final decision has been made a majority vote of the board is required by GIC in order to communicate BICO's intention to join.

Motion by Mr. Dockray, seconded by Dr. Cameron, to approve moving forward with Bi-County's intention to join the GIC for FY20.

FY 18 Annual Report

Dr. Grubert presented the FY18 Annual Report. The Annual report included student enrollment, tuition comparisons, descriptions of BICO programs, and a summary of the Collaborative's achievement toward objectives.

Motion by Mr. Marano, seconded by Mr. Robidoux, to approve the FY18 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Summit Playground

Dr. Grubert presented an update on the progress of building the playground at Summit.

Motion by Mr. Holcomb, seconded by Mr. Zinni, to use capital funds to build playground at 2140 Providence Highway for the Summit Elementary Learning program in the spring of 2019.

II. INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

Van Pool

Van Pool President and CEO, Kevin Hinkhamper, came before the board to discuss the service and communication from the beginning of the school year. Changes in 7D requirements, distribution of work load, increased call volume, and special requests caused Van Pool service to drop below an acceptable level. Mr. Hinkhamper took immediate action by adding multiple VP and Senior VP positions, investigated and corrected phone system issue, established customer service tracking, reassigned workload, updated training and recruiting with additional processes and senior staff, and more. The discussion continued with board members about the CORI process and guidelines of Van Pool vs. districts.

FY 19 Financial Update

Ms. Ciccone presented the FY19 financial summary which included the expanded balance sheet, Consolidated Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and the Statement of Activity of the Bi-County Collaborative Retiree Trust.

Strategic Plan Update

Pam Ludwig presented the board with an update of progress towards goal #1 in the Strategic Plan. BICO has eleven PLC's, six are ELA and Math for Elementary, Middle, and High School which are specifically academic.

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Common assessments are complete and data has been collected to allow BICO staff to focus on analyzing data and using that information to develop the best interventions to support improved student learning. The other PLC's are Intensive programs who are using the Unique curriculum, the APE PL, which is newly developed and working on common assessments, and the School Adjustment Counselor PLC which has selected a common assessment for social-emotional learning which is being utilized this year. There is also an ABA PLC where staff are working on taking behavior data consistently across the collaborative. The transition PLC is setting goals for the year and revisiting their work on collecting and working with data.

Member District PD Committee

Dr. Grubert presented information about upcoming professional development offerings.

The first of four Lesley University Graduate Courses focusing on the impact of trauma on learning begins on January 14, 2019.

A 504 Legal Workshop is being held on January 23rd by Attorney Leigh Mello of Nuttall, MacAvoy & Joyce, P.C. The Common PD Day is targeted for November 5, 2019 to collaborate on offerings to address area of needed PD for sub groups such as nurses, music teachers, art teachers, related service providers, etc.

SEI Full Teacher Endorsement, SEI Administrators, and RBT courses are being offered at BICO beginning in March.

Other

III. ROUTINE MATTERS

Approval of Payroll Warrants

Approval of Bill Warrants

Adjourn

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Murphy, to adjourn the open meeting at 1:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.