

FRYSCKY, INC
Board Meeting
February 26, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Brian Akers, Leslie Hall, Sherry Paul Cooper, Sallye Pence, Caprecia Sizemore, Doug Jones, Rebial Reynolds, Sandra Ballew-Barnes, Mary Ann McKenzie, Michelle Hansen, Linda Krutza, Shawna Evans, Krista Campisano, Graham Reynolds, Paula Hunter, Megan Hatter, Teresa Roberts, Rose-Linda Stafford, Teresa Combs, Charity Fuson, Sharon Collins, Jill Blackman, Barbara Allen, Tammy Stephens, Joan Howard, and Heather Dearing.

Brian Akers opened the meeting at 9:04 am. Graham gave the opening prayer. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that Megan Hatter was resigning her position as Regional Representative and that this would be her last board meeting. She was thanked for her service.

The minutes from the November 12, 2013 meeting were presented by Sallye Pence. A motion was made by Leslie Hall with a second by Sharon Collins to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Sherry Cooper gave the financial report. The Current Assets including cash, Certificates of Deposit, accounts receivable, and FRYSCY store merchandise total \$72, 500. Liabilities include \$12259.86. The Net Assists are \$60,240.14. A copy of the financial report was provided for everyone. A copy will be kept with the minutes. The merchandise is tumblers. The value of the tumblers is \$5.00 each. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Sharon Collins and seconded by Tammy Stephens.

Caprecia Sizemore gave the membership report. We have 624 members. We need members! Our highest membership total was 779 several years ago. Our average membership is 711. Caprecia gave out copies of the membership list so that each Regional Rep will know who is a member in their region. Everyone was asked to push membership. It was also mentioned that if coordinators pay for membership themselves it would be tax deductible expense. Michele Hanson made a motion to accept membership report as presented. Megan Hatter seconded. Motion passed. Ways to increase membership were discussed.

Heather Dearing was welcomed to her first meeting as Acting Director. She gave an update on things happening in the Cabinet. She said the free/reduced numbers have been sent to the Office of Policy and Budget. She can not release them until they have been approved by this office. She did say there had been some "snags" with some of the numbers – not all districts are getting them in on time. Heather talked about the very nice Legislative Reception we hosted the night before. She said that Secretary Haynes

was in attendance at the reception as was the Deputy Secretary. Heather also said she really wants to visit some centers and hopes to be able to do that soon. Heather said that the position for RPM for Region 1 will be posted soon. She plans to have someone in place before the end of the school year. Heather also said that a work group has been formed to work on the Contract and the Administrative Guide Book. The members on the committee include Mike Flynn, Sherry Paul, and Tana Jones. Heather said that 9 of the 11 regions are represented on this committee. Heather also said the division is getting funds from the Race to The Top” Early Learning program for the Born Learning Academies. A coordinator for this program will be hired by March 15th. Heather also said that there are frustrations and questions about infinite Campus (IC). She said there is a lack of evaluation and data. She is looking into forming a work group for IC issues. She also thinks the lack of data and evaluation makes it hard for us to obtain some grant funding. She knows this is a weak area for us and wants to work on it. She also said that Bruce Lender, with DCBS, wants to strengthen the relationship between DCBS and FRYSC.

Joan Howard gave a report from KDE. She said she had moved to a new office. She said she still sees that the FRYSC program is supported by KDE. She said it has been a quiet legislative session with no new bills for them to review for KDE. She is still working with Operation Military Kids and will be sending information to the FRYSC office soon for them to send out to centers. Joan said that every county has someone affected by deployment. Joan encouraged us to continue calling legislators as a Coalition. She said that the majority of our membership doesn’t realize what we do to protect FRYSC. She said the state audits of low performing schools have been difficult but the state reviews are usually glowing about the work for the FRYSCs in these schools. She also said that since the FRYSC positions are not in the KDE budget for schools we are not involved in being interviewed to keep our positions. She said the best advice would be to keep on doing the good works we are doing everyday. She also said she is happy to be our KDE representative and is thankful to be there.

There was no KY-ASAP report.

Public Policy

Everyone was thanked for helping to find constituents to meet with Legislators. So far they have met with 9 legislators. There are appointments for more in the near future. The state budget is tight but we are hopeful with things we need to do. Please have people call the Representatives. It was suggestion made by a Representative There has been no movement on legislation to find new sources of revenue and the House Budget is not moving fast enough for the Senate Leaders to be happy. Please continue to be vigilante and watch for emails for Mike Flynn or Brian Akers. Do another push in your regions to have people call the State Representatives about the budget.

Regional Reps were thanked for their help getting the plates decorated. Several of the completed plates were passed around. It took time to assemble them and Rebial, Mary Ann, Brian, Mike and Mary Ann were thanked for their work on them. Every Legislator

will receive a plate. They will also be hung in the tunnel the week of March 31st. They will stay in the tunnel for one week.

The Legislative Reception last night went well. The Regional Reps did a great job with the displays for each region. There were 47 legislators in attendance. Several showed up really late – some even after the reception officially ended. We might want to extend the reception until 7:30 pm in the future. Please write thank you notes to those who came. And follow-up with those who did not come.

The survey was very successful and helpful. Even with the snow days and schools closed we still had 16650 surveys completed. A condensed version of the results was distributed to legislators at the reception. It has also been given during meetings with legislators. Complete results will be given to any legislator who asks for it. There were 3200 open response results and the statements on many of them were profound. Feedback was that the survey was easy to complete, and sure friendly. Many teachers did complete it.

Page Days

Krista said the page days were consuming! She said she had no idea the time it took to get it all together! But it was worth it. She said the parents are so proud of their kids. We had 153 students. The days left are March 11, 13, 18 and 20. Many students could not get there on February 13th because of weather and they have been rescheduled. Krista said she knows she made some mistakes as it was her first year. She thanked Mary Ann for her assistance.

Newsletter

The newest edition is now out! It looks fantastic! We are keeping the topics the same for the next year but re-aligning which region has which topic. Currently the newsletter is only sent out in electronic form. It was discussed that perhaps a print version should be sent to legislators.

Facebook

Our FB Page is up and running. Please invite people to join our page. Everyone is encouraged to post things that are happening in your region/center. Michael Jones is also putting helpful information on the page on a regular basis.

Old Business

Insurance has been purchased. The policy covers General Liability, Director and Officers Liability, and Bonding. The costs are:

General Liability	\$ 425.09
D & O Liability	\$2500.00
Bonding	\$ 257.04

A Fall Institute Planning Committee has been formed. Serving on it are Michele Hanson, Caprecia Sizemore, Glenna Geraldts, Tammy Gay, Gary Morton. A call for conference proposals will be sent out soon.

The Coalition Nominating Committee will be Graham Reynolds, Sandra Ballew-Barnes, and Mike Flynn. We are currently in need of a Vice – President. All positions except President and President-Elect need to be filled.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29th at 10:00 am. Place to be determined but will most likely be the library in Frankfort.

There will also be a board meeting prior to Victory Over Violence Conference in Louisville. It might be on July 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm but is subject to change depending on conference schedule.

A thank you note from Michael Jones was shared with the group. His father recently died and the coalition sent a “throw” blanket to him. He was very appreciative.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Brian.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rebial with a second by Caprecia. Motion passed.