

Queen Anne's County
Community Partnerships for Children and Families (LMB)
Board of Directors
Minutes
April 17, 2024
In-Person with Virtual Option

Members Present:

Susan Coppage, QAC Department of Social Services
Matt Evans, Board of Education
Scott Evans, Community Member
Joselle Gatrell, Community Member
Bobbi Graef, Department of Health
Michelle Johnson, Community Member
Patrick Kirk, Community Member
Gail Lundberg, Community Member
James Miller, QAC Recreation

Jason Mullen, Chesapeake College
Deyanica Murga, Community Member
1st/Sgt. John Meyers, QAC Sheriff's Office
Stephen Palmer, Transit Department
Lauren Searce, Department of Juvenile Services
Colleen Thomas, Community Member
Alana Van Ornum, Student Member

Administrative Staff:

Lacey Amos, LMB Administrator
Michael Clark, Executive Director
Lisa Michaels, Office Coordinator
Jennifer Stansbury, Fiscal Administrator

Member Regrets:

Katie Dille, Mid Shore Behavioral Health
Pastor Mark Farnell, Community Member
Margie Houck, County Commissioners
Justin Hoyt, Community Member

Lynnette Lamp, Community Member
Cameron Ronayne, Community Member
Jone Taylor, Children's Council

Guest:

Melinda Ray, Character Counts! Coordinator
Jake Weinfeld, Four Points
Robert Wooley, The Edge
Vince Radosta, OOST, LMB Strategic Planning Committee

I. Welcome:

Colleen Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. LMB Updates & Reports:

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on April 11, 2024. The Executive Committee reviewed today's agenda and did not make decisions that will require full ratification by the Board.

B. Secretary

Susan Coppage, Vice President, and Secretary presented the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes for approval.

****Action:**

Gail Lundberg made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes as written. A second was provided. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

C. Treasurer

Colleen Thomas, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2024, for approval.

****Action:**

Scott Evans made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2024 as written. Lauren Searce provided a second. All present voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2024 with no abstentions and the motion was carried.

D. Director's Report. See full report in the board packet.

- Welcome Lacey Amos, the LMB Administrator.
- Lacey will be facilitating the LMB Board meeting starting in May.

E. Committee Updates:

- Backpack Committee – Scott Evans
 - The committee met in February 2024.
 - The committee has discovered new grant opportunities to help fund the program.
 - A special thanks to Vince Radosta and Colleen Thomas for all their time and hard work.
 - The QAC Board of Education has eliminated the Migrant Program.
 - 630 backpacks were distributed weekly.
- Character Counts! – Melinda Ray
 - The Volunteer Appreciation dinner is tomorrow night.
 - Plan to do outreach at the Spring Fling at SMS.
 - The Advisory Committee is in the process of collecting applications for Teen of Character scholarships.
 - School staff recognitions are going really well with 223 nominations, and 171 different individual staff members were recognized.
 - Looking for speaking engagements at nonprofits to promote Character Counts!.
 - Character Counts! is looking into branching out into daycare and early learning centers.
- Children's Council – Melinda Ray
 - The Council met last week.

- Currently revamping the website.
- Linda Austin was the guest speaker last month.
- This Friday is the Christmas in April event.
- Presented Month of the Young Child contest winners at the County Commissioners meeting.
- Out of School Time Committee (OOST) – Lauren Scarce
 - The committee met a few weeks ago.
 - The Board will receive the same presentation that was given to the Committee.
- Safety Net Committee – Matt Evans
 - The Safety Net Committee did not meet today.
 - The Health Department is funding a Wrapping About Prevention assembly and presentation for 6th graders:
 - Centreville Middle School: Monday at 10:20 a.m.
 - Stevensville Middle School: Monday at 1:30 p.m.
 - Sudlersville Middle School: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
 - Matapeake Middle School: Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
 - Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Johnson
 - The Strategic Planning committee did not meet this month.
- Membership Committee – Susan Coppage
 - There are 3 community board member vacancies for FY25.
 - A Press Release was launched today by the County's Community Outreach Specialist.
 - Interested applicants can apply through the County Commissioner's office, through their database.
 - The Membership Committee consists of Susan Coppage and Patrick Kirk. The committee needs at least one more member.

III. Queen Anne County Community Recreation Center – James Miller & Beryl Eismeier. See attached.

- Possible sites for the center are narrowed down to 4 areas: Sudlersville, Centreville, Grasonville, and Kent Island.
- This center is being considered so that QAC Recreation has their own venue and no longer rely on other venues for their programs.
- Focus groups are scheduled and will consider having a virtual option.

IV. Out of School Time Program – Partnering for Youth – Jake Weinfeld, Four Points and Robert Wooley, The Edge. See attached.

- The LMB provides \$100,000.00 in funding early directly to PFY, through the County, and then an additional \$100,000.00 in funding is put out in grants through an RFP.
- Due to budget constraints at the Board of Education, PFY is asking that the entire \$200,000.00 go to their program to off-set costs.
- Also a request that the LMB would contract directly with the whomever the service provider is for PFY. Currently being considered as the service provider is the Edge.
- In the past, QAC Parks & recreation and AlphaBEST have received funding but will not be receiving any this year if PFY is granted the entire \$200,000.00.
- The LMB and Out of School Time Committee would provide oversight to the service providers – the Edge.
- No back-up plan has been identified for the PFY program.

- The Board of Education will no longer have OST positions in the school system.
- Transportation will be prioritized with any additional fundraising.
- Currently transportation is not available.
- The Board of Education's leadership felt that the PFY program was not financially and logistically sustainable.
- Four Points believes the Edge would require the full out of school grant funds next fiscal year and years moving forward.
- The Edge believes additional funding can be found through Chesapeake Charities.
- Sudlersville Elementary school will be a community school starting next year. Possibly funding will become available for out school activities in two years.
- The Board discussed and decided to empower the Executive Committee to approve the Out of School Time Committee's recommendations on behalf Board. The Board will then be asked to ratify that decision at the May Board of Directors meeting.

V. **Announcement/Adjournment**

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- Next Meeting – May 15, 2024, Queen Anne's County Commissioner's

Michelle Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Kirk provided a second. All present voted in favor with no abstentions and the motion was carried.