



Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021
8:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes

Present:

Co-Chair Kate Pew Wolters, Co-Chair Lew Chamberlin, Treasurer Bob Herr, Amanda Barbour, Claire Guisfredi, Maureen Hale, Robert Herr, Sue Jandernoa, Dr. Hanna Jaworski, Dr. Melinda Johnson, Ashley Karsten, Ron Koehler, Dr. Juan Olivarez, Kelsey Perdue, Julie Ridenour, Milt Rohwer, Michelle Van Dyke, and Carl Ver Beek.

Absent:

Kristina Donaldson, Pastor Howard Earle, Lynne Ferrell, and Sean Welsh.

Other:

Ashley Karsten

FSK Staff:

Annemarie Valdez, Heather Boswell, Cati Cortes, Christine Timbol Larson, Megan Streng, Kristen Sobolewski, Daniel VanderMolen, Tyler Aman, Shelby French, and Jill B. Salisbury who recorded the minutes.

Welcome:

Kate Pew Wolters welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Kate suggested meeting in person for the September 30 meeting. A Zoom option will also be available.

Consent agenda:

Kate Pew Wolters asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Michelle Van Dyke

Support: Melinda Johnson

Unanimous

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Investing Early:

○ **Ready by Five:**

The Ready by Five team presented Ready by Five's Annual 2020 Final Report.

The COVID-19 pandemic did affect delivery of services. Service providers and staff pivoted to adjust. The Board asked questions and discussion followed.

○ **Finance Report:**

Treasurer Bob Herr reviewed and presented FSK's April 2021 financials and the Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage April 2021 financials.

Motion: Bob Herr
Support: Milt Rohwer
Unanimous

Supportive Policies & Programs:

○ **Shared Services Presentation:**

The Shared Services team presented the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Kent County's child care landscape. Since March 2020, the number of child care providers has decreased by 14.6%. Wages and compensation were top reasons child care providers closed.

Accessible Resources for Families:

○ **Communications:**

Megan Streng gave an update on the FSK website. There are three new features: Services finder, Shared Services members portal, and translation options.

Systems Foundations:

○ **Nominating/Governing Committee:**

- Dr. Juan Olivarez has completed his two-year term as the Resident Proposal Review Board Chair and is stepping down. Kate thanked Juan for his awesome leadership and service. A new Chair will be named by August 2021.
- **Conflict of Interest Form:**
Board members were reminded to complete and return.
- **Organizational Core Values:**
The nominating committee will begin to work on values, building upon some work staff recently completed.

Adjourn:

The meeting closed at 10:06 a.m.

**Next Commission Meeting:
Thursday, July 29, 2021
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom**