Burlington Children's Space Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023 Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present: Annika Hawkins-Hilke, Victor Prussack, Alan Matson, Charlotte Blend, Maggie Riley, Julie Dumas, Molly Scaife

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm.	1
Minutes		
	Minutes from January were accepted.	
Directors Report	 A new teacher was hired recently and will be starting in a few weeks. Two others are being interviewed this week. Two more teachers total are needed to be at a full staffing level. Advertising and attending to the job posting sites may have contributed to the increase in applications in the last few months. Molly is considering transitioning kids in July to the next classrooms. This will allow adding new children to increase enrollment earlier than September. Molly is also thinking about how to create more infant and toddler slots for which there is the most need. At this time in the middle of the year it is difficult to enroll into the preschool. Molly is working to sort out the wait list and figure out which kids are what age at this time. Bills are being considered by the VT legislature to change funding for childcare. Lots of information out there and unclear what the final decisions will be. There is reason to be optimistic that more money will be put into the system in some way. Molly met with Stacy Curtis from BSD and discussed getting SLP and special education services for preschool kids who qualify in who live in Burlington. Molly will do some more investigating whether she can get a variance or extension on the NAEYC accreditation that is due in March. The paperwork appears to be a heavy lift, but she will examine what is needed. There appear to be no current funders who would require this accreditation. The VT STARS system is what local parents are familiar with. The corrective actions from the licensing visit have been completed and submitted. Going forward, new staff members will complete and document trainings before beginning work. Molly has a meeting with Head Start later in the week about future plans. We will get an update in March. 	
Multi-Gen	Not discussed this month.	
Building	Executive Session	
Financials		
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	 Thanks to Heather's excellent work and attention to detail we are set up for good accounting going forward. Alan, Heather, and the auditors are working to correct strange accounting practices that have been on the books for many years. Alan presented a proposed budget for 2023. This budget includes a \$175,000 endowment contribution from BCS. The Board unanimously voted to accept this budget for FY 2023. 	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.	

Next scheduled meeting: March 15, 2023 on Zoom.

Signed:	
Name (Chair)	Date