# The Self Advocacy Federation’s

# Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2018

1. Call to Order

Dan called to order the weekly general meeting of the Self Advocacy Federation (SAF) at 4:01 PM on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018, at #201, 10941-120 St.

1. Roll Call

Emily conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Amy Park (Learning and Planning Coordinator), Blake Hillary, Dan Atkinson, Emily Rypstra (Administrative Assistant), Florence Burton, Kelly Pope, Quinn Marcaccini, Tyler Morgans, and Vickie Mancini (Ally). The following persons were absent: Alexa Morgulis, Bobbi Killian (Ally), Cassandra Ainslie, Cathy Monk, Daisy Stacey, and Keri McEachern (Director).

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

1. Updates from the Members of the SAF

The members of the SAF took turns talking about their past week.

1. Filmapalooza and Artwalk Wrap-up

The members of the SAF talked about how the year-end event went including some technical difficulties regarding the sound system. Lasse Schmidt Jørgensen, an intern student with Gateway Association, helped by providing the missing sound system cable.

1. Visit with Minster Irfan Sabir Planning Con’t

Vickie helped the members of the SAF decide what issues they feel are important to talk about with Minister Sabir regarding the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PPD) Review by answering questions from the program review survey. (See attached).

Q6. From your perspective, what are the most important issues and or challenges that should be considered as part of the PDD Review?

         I think that funding is being cut to support homes

         Overnight staff not being paid minimum wage

         Transportation

         Transportation money

         Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and PDD fight over who pays

         Poverty! Poverty! Poverty! $$$

         Lack of employment support

o   Wage subsidies

         Turn over for caseworkers are frustrating

         Eligibility criteria (70 IQ)

         Feeling always that persons with disabilities are trying to cheat the system

         PDD is simple money

         CLOSE MICHNER CENTRE!

         Management (PDD has lost their sense of empathy)

          People with disabilities are concerned that if they speak out they will be targeted

Q7. From your perspective, what do you think should be the most important outcomes of this PDD Review?

         Where does all the money go?

o   Why haven’t my staff’s wages gone up?

Q8. Are there specific barriers or access considerations that may limit you from fully participating in this review?

         Different communication style (survey is not accessible for everyone)

         Interesting that no one at the SAF, expect for Amy, knew about the review until were told at the SAF

1. Windsor Inclusive Community Services (WICKS) Mental Health First Aid Course

Amy talked about how WICKS is having a mental health first aid course which will cost $179.00 per person and asked if anyone from the SAF would be interested in going to help lower the cost.

1. Adjournment

Dan adjourned the meeting at 5:22 PM. The next weekly general meeting will be at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 17th, 2018, at 201, 10941-120 St.

Minutes submitted by Emily

Minutes approved by the members of the SAF.