



## Coordinating Council for Children, Youth and Families November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. 344 Broadway

### **Summary of Conversation Topics**

- Cambridge Youth Council Update
- Find It Cambridge Update
- Review 2016-17 Family Policy Council Work Plan to Address Opportunity Gaps
- Middle School Network Discussion and Presentation

### **Next Steps**

The group identified the following next steps (or commitments) during the meeting:

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By When</b>
2016-2017 Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday, January 19, 2017</li> <li>○ Thursday, February 16, 2017</li> <li>○ Thursday, March 16, 2017</li> <li>○ Thursday, May 4, 2017</li> </ul>	All Family Policy Council members and affiliates	
Senior Secret Santa press release	Matt Nelson and Nancy Tauber	Next week
Send out notes from the 1 <sup>st</sup> Find It Outposts Working Group meeting	Nancy Tauber	Next week

### **Present:**

*Neal Michaels, Hector Acevedo, Rabeya Akther, Tina Alu, Ron Benham, Chris Burke, Lace Campbell, Tony Clarke, Louis DePasquale, Luba Feigenberg, Mari Gashaw, McMillan Gather, Kim Goldstein, Liz Hill, Claude Jacob, Annie Leavitt, Lori Likis, Michelle Lower, Kambiz Maali, Alanna Mallon, Maria McCauley, Neal Michaels, Matt Nelson, Rihana Oumer, Mike Payack, Bridget Rodriguez, Kenny Salim, Ellen Semonoff, David Trueblood, Nancy Tauber*

**Co-Chairs:** Mayor Simmons and Neal Michaels

**Executive Director:** Nancy Tauber

**Content Manager:** Mike Payack

## ***Socialize, Network and Eat***

**5:15 pm – 5:35 pm**

### ***Call to Order:***

**5:35 pm – 5:40 pm**

- Welcome & Introductions (Neal Michaels)
- Adoption of Minutes (October 20, 2016 meeting)
  - Tina Alu moved to adopt minutes for the October 20, 2016 meeting
  - Ron Benham seconded motion
  - Motion carried - minutes adopted
- Announcements
  - Jack Kiryk described a project he is working on to make energy efficient thermostats more affordable. He will pass around a contact sheet for those who want more info
  - Michelle Lower thanked all involved with Family Literacy Day. She attended with her family and had a lot of fun with her children
  - Alanna Mallon announced that Cambridge Weekend Backpack Program is in every Cambridge Public elementary school, as of last week. 475 students served. Boston may replicate the program
  - Manikka Bowman announced an upcoming meeting discussing expanding access to feminine hygiene products in school buildings across the district
  - Mari Gashaw announced that the Students vs. Staff basketball game is taking place at CRLS on Friday at 3:30 pm: Fundraiser for Falcons Food Pantry
  - Rabeya Akther announced that CET outreach workers held a seminar for immigrant parents to help navigate the school system
  - Ellen Semonoff announced that a celebration was held Tuesday night for the Pathways to Success program (for immigrants with young children, to support their children in school and life, particularly navigating the school system)
  - Matt Nelson announced that CPD is hosting annual Secret Santa for senior citizens in public housing. Accepting donations. Will hand-deliver gift bags on December 23. Usually distribute about 500 gift bags
  - Neal Michaels announced three working groups formed from Early Childhood Task Force
  - Khari Milner announced that the fourth annual Agenda for Children Symposium took place recently
- Public Comment
  - No public comment

### ***CYC Update:***

**5:40 pm – 5:45 pm**

- CYC Presentation

- CYC focusing on insert for CRLS course catalog
  - Insert will describe difference between CP and honors classes
  - In 3 languages
- Also planning a RAW Perspectives Facebook page with a focus on college readiness
  - If Council members would like to post college resources on this Facebook page, they should email Lace Campbell

### **2016-2017 Family Policy Council Work Plan to Address Opportunity Gaps:**

**5:45 pm – 7:13 PM**

- Neal Michaels introduced the Family Policy Council Work Plan Addressing the Opportunity Gaps in Cambridge document
- Nancy Tauber outlined the document
- Strategy #1: Find It Cambridge
  - Find It is launched
    - 151 Organizations
    - 255 Programs and Events
  - Hector and Nancy facilitated workshops with outreach workers and OST staff (at the Agenda for Children Symposium)
  - Find It Outpost working group met and will meet 2 more times
    - Determine what will be needed to become a Find It Outpost
    - Present ideas to FPC at January meeting
    - Inviting Family Childcare providers
  - Claude Jacob asked how outreach can be connected to the Housing Authority
- Strategy #2: Connect Cambridge Kids
  - Strategies:
    - Gather info from existing systematic efforts aimed at supporting and connecting children and teens with opportunities available in Cambridge and identify key transition points
      - Work with others engaged in this work
    - Support a shared student data system in order to help everyone who works with children, teens, and their families
- Annie Leavitt presented on the Middle School Network
  - Records are kept in ASPEN so CRLS staff have access to OST programs students have participated in
- Lace Campbell raised the idea of potential linkages between Find It Outposts and MSN
- Annie suggested buttons/pins that say “Ask me about other programs” for MSN staff to wear
- Claude Jacobs suggested that school nurses be engaged in this work
  - CPD Safety Net too?
- Ellen Semonoff said we should look to where are the places and what are the ways we can support kids better. Look to places that already have robust relationships with those we are trying to reach

- CPD Youth Outreach Officers very involved with MSN—even take part in summer placement seminars
- Mannika Bowman suggested sharing data with OST and summer program staff to support their program design so that their summer program supports their academics and combats summer “learning loss”

***Next Steps:***

**7:13 pm – 7:15 pm**

- Next meeting: January 19, 2017 at 344 Broadway

***Adjourn:***

**7:15 pm**

- Alanna Mallon moved to adjourn
  - Manikka Bowman seconded the motion
  - Motion passed – meeting adjourned