



Kids' Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 28, 2013

5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

344 Broadway, 2nd Floor Conference Room

In Attendance:

Ellen Semonoff, Louis DePasquale, Susan Lapierre, Claude Jacob, Andrea Collymore, Steven Swanger, Jessica Daniels, Lori Likis, Jen Bailey, Betty, Bardige, Mayor Davis, Susan Flannery, Tina Alu, Michelle Godfrey, Jeffrey Young, Marc McGovern, George Halfkenny, Lena James, Shubham Dhital, Visceria Givans, Isobel Schpeiser, Mina Reddy, Lei Ann Ellis, Ashley Correia, Peterson Phillippe, Griffin Andres, Nancy Tauber, Nadia Davila, Fred Fantini

Desired Outcomes

- An awareness of the work of the Youth Involvement Subcommittee
- A decision whether to recommend the Community Engagement Team proposal
- A shared understanding of whom should take the Providers' Survey
- An agreement by Kids' Council members to encourage the necessary people to complete the Providers' Survey
- A shared understanding of the work of the Networking Event Planning Team

Call to Order (5:31 pm)

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Two new members of Kids Council
 - George Halfkenny, Community-at-large
 - Visceria Givans, Youth Representative
- Updates & Announcements
 - Cambridge awarded Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Roadmaps to Health Prizes
 - Cambridge City Run, Sunday April 7th, 2013
 - Mayor holding a Stem Inclusion Round Table on March 28th (8:30-3 at CRLS) to promote more science, engineering, and math in the city (addressing equity including access to computers and internet)
 - Frisoli Youth Health and Fitness Day, Saturday March 2nd, 2013
 - Camp Night at CRLS, Thursday, March 7th, 2013
 - Parent Workshops at CRLS
 - Tues. March 12th at 6pm at CRLS – Lets' Talk: Communicating with Teens
 - April 3rd at 6pm at CRLS – Tough Times: Parenting Teens who take Risks
 - Wed. May 1st at 6pm at CRLS – Weeding out the Facts: What parents need to know about teens and marijuana
 - Cambridge Public Schools recognized for Nutrition Programs; Commissioner will be presenting at the Morse School later this month
 - Baby U graduation, 10:30am on March 9th, 2013 at the Fletcher Maynard
 - State Ethics Law On-line Training: **Nancy needs a copy of your certificate ASAP!**
- Adoption of January 17, 2013 meeting minutes

Youth Involvement Subcommittee Update (5:42 pm)

- YIS has developed a series of interactive workshops for the youth centers to help middle school students feel supported and excited about their transition to high school.

Review and Vote for Community Engagement Team Proposal (5:53 p.m.)

- Review process
- Attendees' individually read proposals
 - **Proposal number 1 "Increase the number of CET outreach workers":**
 - Hire two additional outreach workers (either from new communities or from the communities we currently serve).
 - In addition, \$2,000 to increase the current outreach workers' hours to work on special projects.
 - Each additional outreach worker would engage approximately 50 families a year. If Cambridge Public Schools or other organizations gave the outreach workers parent contact information they could potentially reach many more than the 50 families reached in a typical year by outreach workers.
 - Total: \$17,335
 - **Proposal number 2: "Develop city-wide comprehensive training program for outreach workers across city":**
 - A comprehensive, high quality, and replicable training program, accessible to all levels including individuals with low English literacy skills, is crucial to the continued success of family engagement and outreach efforts in the city. This coordinated approach to training will enable city, school, and community-based-organizations to efficiently and effectively reach more families and support stronger partnerships between families and the organizations and institutions that serve them.
 - Will increase the capacity of outreach workers across the city to engage underserved families so families can access information and utilize Cambridge services
 - Outreach workers would have increased competence which would prepare them for more responsibilities to provide greater in-depth support for families
 - Collaborating organizations would increase their capacity to engage with families.
 - Total: \$8,726
- Conversation
 - Outreach workers: Currently CET has two Outreach Workers working with the Haitian communities and can greatly see the benefit of the pair – splitting up geographically, can reach more families, in an even more culturally competent way
 - Training Series: Would be accessible to low English literacy folks and would be open to all. The outcomes include: increased competence in outreach workers, collaborating agencies will have increased capacity to reach their own family networks. A network of outreach workers that can peer support each other would be developed, creating a strong cadre – who have a better understanding of other services offered in the city, saving time and money and doesn't duplicate work
- Recommended 'enthusiastically' by Kids' Council

Kids' Council/Community Engagement Team Provider's Survey: Regarding Family Engagement & Outreach in Cambridge (6:25 p.m.)

- Attendees' review survey
- Brainstorm list of who should take the Providers' Survey and who members can personally encourage to take the survey

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Cares: Lei Ann | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge/ Somerville Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge Community Foundation: Betty | <input type="checkbox"/> Principals, guidance counselors and family Liaisons: Jeff and Lori |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School nurses: Claude | <input type="checkbox"/> CET list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTO | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatricians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Churches: Lena | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinics/ Health centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Youth Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> MAPS: Susan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries: Susan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DHSP: Ellen | |

- **Other feedback:** place survey on Kids' Council Website; hard copies needed; survey over phone; add upcoming networking event to the survey; change the name of the survey to *Outreach and Family Engagement Survey*.

Promising Practices for Family Engagement in Cambridge Networking Event Update (6:42 p.m.)

- Planning Team meeting on March 5th, 2013 at 2pm
- Networking Event Save the Date: morning of May 23rd, 2013 at 1000 Mass Ave

Family Engagement Policy Update (6:47 p.m.)

- A group met to discuss a citywide policy to increase family engagement and eliminate the barriers to family engagement.

Evaluation of Meeting

- Pluses: Proposals were nicely laid out (all the work done in preparation!); Honored and listened to the work of the experts; Notebooks and Name Tags = a nice touch; the process (taking a topic; moved to a subcommittee and brought back to the whole group; got work done!
- Deltas: More food

Next Steps and Adjourn (7:02 p.m.)

- Next meeting is Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 344 Broadway^{2nd} floor conference room at 5:15 p.m.
- Remember to encourage people to take the Providers' Survey and attend the Networking Event