



Kids' Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2014

5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

344 Broadway

Summary

Summary of Conversation Topics

- Presentation of the work of the Youth Involvement Subcommittee
- Presentation and discussion of the Kids' Council Family Engagement Subcommittee's Proposal: *"Families at the Center"*
- Evaluation of the 2013-14 year

Key Agreements

- Agreement by members to meet with Nancy Tauber to evaluate FY14 and discuss FY15
- **"Expand Door-2-Door" Working Group:** John Lindamood, Matt Nelson, Tina Alu, Sally Benbasset, Barbara Kibler, Jessica Daniels* (*willing to work on either)
- **"Website/Info Hub" Working Group:** Neal Michaels, Alice Cohen, Susan Flannery, Jessica Daniels* (*willing to work on either)

Next Steps

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

What	Who	By When
Save the proposed meeting schedule for 2014-15 (3 rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September 18, 2014 ▪ October 16, 2014* ▪ November 20, 2014* ▪ January 15, 2015 ▪ March 19, 2015 ▪ April 16, 2015 ▪ May 21, 2015 ▪ June 18, 2015 *Possible Retreat or CET Training (5:15 – 9:15 p.m.)	All KC members and affiliates	



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Detailed Notes

Present:

Tina Alu, Charlotte Avant, Sally Benbasset, Alice Cohen, Jessica Daniels, Susan Flannery, Mary Gashaw, Lee Gianetti, Robert Haas, Barbara Kibler, Kathleen Kelly, Lori Likis, John Lindamood, David Maher, Alanna Mallon, Neal Michaels, Kester Messan, Matt Nelson, Rio Nelson, Mohammed Sayed, Ellen Semonoff, Zach Spitz, Jeffrey Young, Olivia Scott, Susan Richards, Joyce Short, Rich Rossi

Co-Chairs: Mayor Maher and Neal Michaels

Executive Director: Nancy Tauber

Note Taker: Nadia Davila

Desired Outcomes:

- Awareness of the work of the Youth Involvement Subcommittee
- Agreement by members to meet with Nancy Tauber to evaluate FY14 and discuss FY15
- Adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2014-15
- A shared understanding of the Kids' Council Family Engagement Subcommittee's Proposal: "Families at the Center"
- An acknowledgement of this year's accomplishments and ideas for next steps

Socialize, Network and Eat

5:15 – 5:37

Call to Order:

5:37 – 6:09

- Welcome & Introductions
- Agenda Overview
- Adoption of Minutes (March 20th meeting)
 - Adopted
- Public Comment
- Announcements
 - Acknowledge Kids' Council members who are moving on: Visceria Givans (co-chair), Rio Nelson, and Zach Spitz and graduating YIS Members: Alessandra Fix (co-chair), Sammy Gourabou, and Tessa Tracy
 - Book bike mobile will be in three parks this summer

- CPS Institute: 1st annual excellence institute; everyone is invited on June 27th
- May 16th is the 10 year anniversary of marriage equality- there will be a big community party at City Hall from 5:00pm - 7:30pm with music, performances, cake and more
- CET training manual – possibility to do a module with the Kids’ Council
- Updates
 - Review Kids’ Council Schedule for FY14
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 - Nancy Tauber will interview members of the Kids’ Council over the spring/summer
 - Youth Involvement Subcommittee Presentation

Presentation and Discussion:

6:09 pm – 6:44pm

Kids’ Council Family Engagement Subcommittee Proposal:

Families at the Center:

- ***Expansion of the Door-2-Door Campaign (Cambridge Connects)***
- ***Centralized Resource Website/Portal***
- ***Information Hub(s)***
- Q&A and Discussion
 - Very impressive work
 - Particularly excited for Centralized Resource Website/Portal
 - With the Centralized Resource Website/Portal:
 - Is the first project going to be moving the resource guide over or is there the chance to have community create content ala the ted talk?
 - It would be nice to include people in the process
 - Ideally translated into the many languages people speak
 - With the Door-2-Door Expansion (Cambridge Connects):
 - Do you know what works well already and what aspects don’t work well?
 - We’re in the 5th year in Door-2-Door Campaign and have established some significant relationships with people and there is a grown comfort level
 - The expansion includes asking what are the concerns that the people in the specific neighborhoods have rather than just giving them information
 - It will take a lot of prep work. We couldn’t have done this two years ago

- Book bike will be in Area 4, which can be a “soft opening” for Cambridge Connects – asking those in the neighborhood these questions
- The projects are connected -- The information gathered from Cambridge Connects will be good for the other two groups to have and Cambridge Connects can use the app that is developed.

Review Kids’ Council 2013-14 Accomplishments and discuss next steps:

6:44 pm – 6:50

- Collaborating with many...
 - Agenda for Children
 - 0-8 Council
 - HCTF
 - CET
 - Middle School Network (MSN)
 - Reaching All Youth (RAY)
- Meetings
 - Start and end on time
 - Quorums
 - Active Subcommittee
- Adoption of City-wide Family Engagement Policy
- ACEs and Trauma Forums with HCTF
- Family Engagement Subcommittee
 - Developed and executed a plan to make recommendations to make it easier for families to access information, supports, and resources
 - Interviewed over 200 families and providers
 - “Families at the Center” Proposal
- Follow-up with CET
 - Outreach workers
 - Relationship with schools
 - Training manual almost complete
 - Pilot of a couple models
 - Partnership with Harvard Family Research Project

2013-14 Evaluation and Next Steps:

6:50– 7:10

Pluses	Deltas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Great focus, great process, great content * Bringing people from the broader community in * Effective subcommittees * DC trip with the YIS * A lot of energy in the group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * More community involvement here * Make sure that what is worked on is reaching families and having impact * Involve more immigrant voices

<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Good transition to new Mayor* Visioning at the ACEs meeting* Nancy* Nadia* YIS	
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Adjourn:
7:10

