

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

April 28, 2014

Notes

Attendees: John Andelin, Michael Brown, Dave Carlson, Barbara Gomez, Rebecca Goodhart, Judy Hadden, Linda Henderson, Anne O'Brien, Debby Taylor, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Weadé Wallace, Tyler Laredo Anna Tramosch, Katie Maleckar, Noah Chase, Rene Madigan, Bobby Kaplow, Jim Tuomey, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Laura Lazour, Sam Stebbins, Marian Harmon, Robert Vilchez, Tom Wallace, Kim Durand, Siobhan Grayson, Whitney Strand, Michael Swisher.

Introductions/Announcements

Members were asked to share why they volunteer. Some of the responses included: to meet people, it is a constructive use of my time, it's fun, it's a way to express my passion, gives me a broader view of the community, to be involved and make a difference, want to be in the action, like to give back and one final thought "if not you, then who?"

Teen Network Board Announcements

- Anna and Tyler introduced Katie Maleckar (W-L) and Noah Chase (Yorktown) as the Co-Chairs for the TNB for 2014-15. They will shadow Anna and Tyler for the remainder of this year in order to prepare.
- TNB reported that they sent out care packages for alumni to help them prepare for their finals – the packages included granola bars, popcorn and other fun fuel to keep them going.
- The Internship/Community Service/Employment (ICE) committee participated in the Yorktown Volunteer Fair where they distributed information on joining TNB in the fall.
- Current TNB members have been reapplying, and the on-line application for other high school students to apply will be on-line next week. They are losing 20 seniors this year (last year they lost 19).
- The Drug & Alcohol Committee is working on Mythbusters. This is the program that allows for high school students to go to 8th grade classes to talk about the facts and myths of being in high school. This year, they will be presenting to all of the middle schools.
- Each of the committees are working on their succession plans for next year and wrapping up this year.
- The TNB End-of-Year Celebration will be held on June 17th at Bluemont Park.

Dave Carlson added that members of the APCYF should be considered a resource for the TNB members and that we look forward to working with Katie and Noah.

Breakfast with Libby Garvey

Several members of APCYF attended a breakfast with Libby Garvey and several of the Commissions that she is the liaison for. APCYF had three participants: Sam Stebbins, Debby Taylor and Dave Carlson. Dave was able to use information from the Advocacy Committee to make some remarks with Sam and Debby filling in where he left off.

This brought up the question of how we work with other commissions – Dave mentioned specifically the Emergency Preparedness Commission. Siobhan pointed out that the TNB is currently working with VEST (Volunteer Emergency Support Team) and has a pilot program at Yorktown. By working with that commission, we could support the work of our TNB.

Out-of-School Time (OST) Council Update

Laura Lazour, Bobby Kaplow and Rene Madigan updated the APCYF on the OST Council.

Bobby Kaplow shared information on the OST professional development efforts. This committee has been building opportunities for providers to collaborate with each other for shared staff development. The first Developmental Assets Conference in Fall 2012 had ~120 attendees. This last fall the conference had ~230! Participants have been coaches, parents, providers, and community members. Youth have been a part of the discussion and presentations. This coming fall, the theme will be Youth as Resources. In addition to the large conferences, the committee has launched a monthly Brown Bag series that highlights developmental assets. There were 82 attendees at the most recent session. Through OST, members who are hosting staff development will open up registration to others (if appropriate) if space is available. Overall, we have seen a great use of resources.

Laura Lazour followed-up with information about reinstating the Arlington After-School Networking Group. This group used to meet semi-regularly simply to connect with each other and hear what others were working on. This is something that OST could take the lead on.

Rene Madigan talked about the issues that have been brought up: space & transportation. Barbara Gomez suggested that OST members participate in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) meetings with APS <http://www.apsva.us/moreseats>.

Overall, OST is in need of assistance with outreach and communication. A separate website doesn't make sense at this point, they will have their information incorporated to the apcyf.org site.

OST needs additional members, if anyone knows of someone who would be interested in serving on the OST, please let Rene or Laura know.

Brown Bag Session "Developmental What?"

The OST's next Brown Bag Session is on Friday, May 9th and is perfect for any of our newer members who would like to get additional information on the 40 Developmental Assets. Michael Swisher is leading this session at Central Library on Friday at 11:30 – 1:30. RSVP mewish@arlingtonva.us

The Developmental WHAT?!

*An introduction to the 40 Developmental Assets
and how they can help you in your work, your community, your home...*

Michael Swisher, Asset Liaison, Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families

This workshop is for staff who work with children or families, parents, and anyone interested in youth.

Never heard of Developmental Assets? OR you've heard people talk about them but you're too embarrassed to admit you don't know them? OR you've heard of them, but still don't quite know how to build them in your work/home/life?

This is the workshop for you!

This interactive session will provide an overview of the 40 Developmental Assets, help you connect to them in a personal way, followed by an opportunity to work with others to look at specific ways you can build them in your work/home/life.

**Friday, May 9, 11:30-1:30pm
Arlington Central Library**

After Action Team Presentation

- Vision:
 - Arlington, a community where all young people and families are valued, supported and empowered.
- Charter:
 - With edits, the charge will be forwarded to the County and School Boards by May 15th.
[See Attached]
- Roles & Responsibilities Agreement
 - Discussion and suggested edits for the DRAFT RRA included:
 - Add monthly meetings and define the year – something like “12 monthly meetings including an annual retreat”
 - Take out the words “as needed” and “as appropriate” to make the statements stronger
 - Keep in mind that not everyone wants to be a leader, think of active supporters and their importance
 - Add “active participation” somewhere
 - Reorganize some of these bullets for general committee work vs. meetings of the APCYF
 - Attendance information needs to be clear and consistent, what are the consequences
 - What are the consequences? You’ve missed three meetings, then what? Review your commitment? Be asked to resign?
 - On the third bullet add stronger language around active participation
 - Combine the third and fourth bullets
 - Add I will attend an orientation meeting – the orientation meeting would include advocacy and assets
 - Continue to build skills around advocacy and assets
 - Have an orientation check-list
 - Communications Section
 - If I have questions or concerns
 - Add vice-chair
 - I will review the notes
 - Add something about “approval” of notes – stay informed
 - At the meetings, we should start by asking if anyone has any additional information/questions from the last meeting
 - Voting needs to be clarified – agency member vs. community member participation?
 - Add definition of consensus
 - Take proxy out.
 - Edit quorum to be 8 and 4
 - Permanent designee vs. occasional designee – the permanent designee should sign the agreement, with the understanding that they are keeping their agencies informed.

The AAT will continue to meet and send the document around for further discussion.

- Next Steps –
 - APCYF members are needed for two additional workgroups:
 - Goals for APCYF
 - Handbook for members

APS Master Plan Work Groups

Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy will host a meeting with members of three Master Planning work groups. The work groups include over 70 parents, community representatives and staff members – John Andelin, Judy Hadden, Cintia Johnson and Kim Durand are attending some of the

meetings.

The three working groups have been asked to begin preliminary discussions about the future of APS. They also have been asked to develop a framework for APS to explore future opportunities, and to further engage members of the APS community. Each working group will explore, investigate and analyze a particular topic area. The areas to be explored include:

- The School Day, the School Year, and Virtual Learning
- Programs, Choices, and Admissions Policies
- Partnerships and Collaboration

The findings from the working groups will be shared with the community, and the full group will assist with analyzing and assessing the feedback gathered. The three workgroups are expected to meet through the summer and will provide a report to the Superintendent by early fall.

For more information on the agendas and notes: <http://www.apsva.us/masterplanning>

Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

Michael Swisher updated the APCYF on the FACE Work Group he has been involved with. Emma Violand-Sanchez is leading this effort. For those interested in seeing the draft Family and Community Engagement policy, once it is finalized (in the next few days) it will be posted to the APS website, under the School Board, FACE Working Group.

The FACE Work Group meets on May 12, and then will have a work session with the School Board on May 29.

If anyone has any other thoughts or questions about the policy or the work of FACE, please feel free to contact Michael.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- May 5 6:00pm – Early Childhood Committee, Sequoia Auditorium
- May 6 8:15am – Community & Parent Education Committee, Sequoia Room A
- May 6 6:30pm - Teen Network Board, Arlington Central Library
- May 7 12:00pm – READY Coalition Meeting, Sequoia
- May 9 11:30am – Brown Bag Session “*Developmental What?*” An introduction to the 40 Developmental Assets at Central Library, register w/Michael Swisher mewish@arlingtonva.us
- May 19 7:00pm – APCYF General Meeting
- May 20 6:30pm - Teen Network Board, Arlington Central Library