

Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families
April 22, 2015
Notes

Attendance: John Andelin, Michael Brown, Bill Browning, Dave Carlson, Sheila Fleischhacker, Barbara Gomez, Alicia Guajardo, Liliana Hernandez, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Anne Vorderbruegge, Rachel Harlan, Sam Stebbins, Rick Strobach Jim Tuomey, Brenda Wilks, Marion Harmon, Sharon Lawrence, Kim Durand, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher

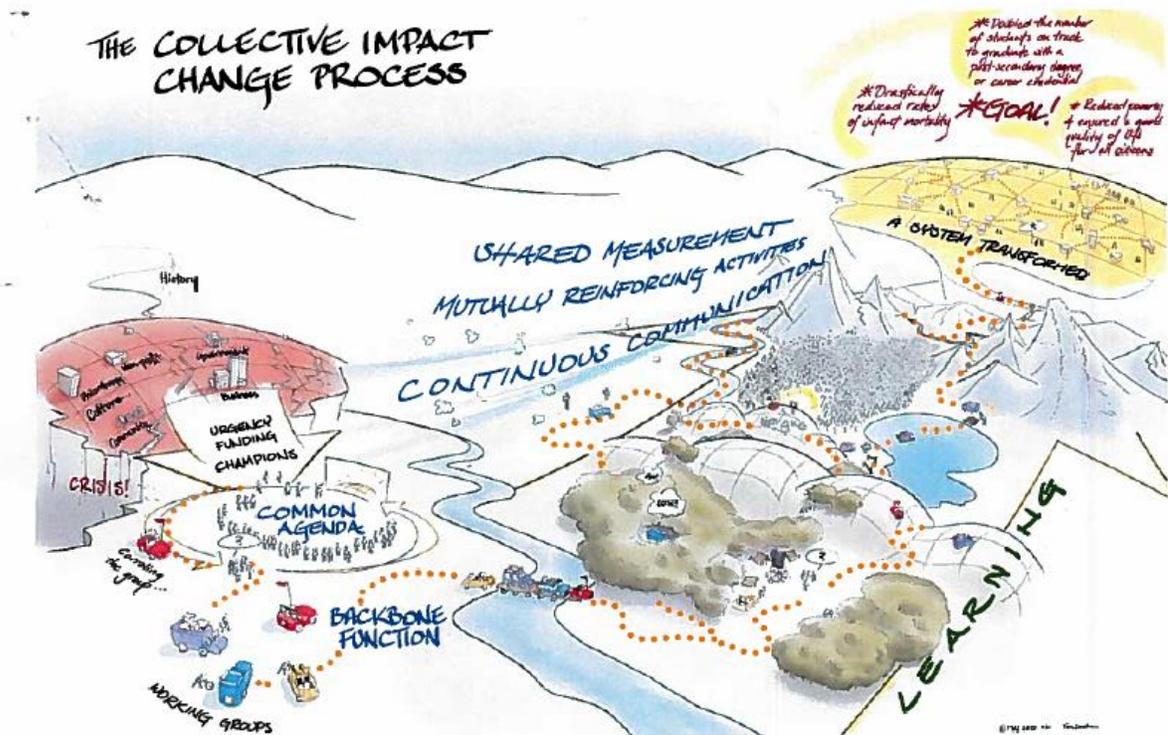
Carlin Springs Community School –

Carol Sabatini shared some interesting facts about the school for many of our members who were not familiar with the program. It is Arlington's Community School (not to be confused with the Communities IN Schools, CIS, model at Wakefield, Arlington Mill and now Gunston). APCYF was instrumental in its formation and continues to support its efforts. Additional information is attached. Recently, Carlin Springs was featured in an article on the national Community School's site *Carlin Springs: Creating Success through Collaboration and Support*
<http://www.communityschools.org/carlinsprings/>

Collective Impact –

<http://www.fsg.org/OurApproach/WhatIsCollectiveImpact.aspx>

Several APCYF members have been to training around Collective Impact. It is a framework that is very similar to the work that we currently do, and gives us a structure and some further guidance for us to use. This image is a map of the Collective impact Change Process:



See attached version for clarity.

Data Specialist Update –

Barbara Kanninen joined our meeting to give us an update. APS will hire a Part-Time Data Specialist who will be assigned to the APCYF. Furthermore, APS commits to making sure that the work of the APCYF will not be compromised with additional support from staff as needed.

Kim is working with Amy Graham, along with Barbara Gomez, Anne Vorderbruegge and John Andelin to write the job description as well as what we expect will need to be completed with APS staff.

Community Forum Discussion –

We broke into four groups for this section and attempted to further analyze the sticky notes from the Forum on April 13th. There was a chart that included Current Conditions on one side and New Ideas/Strategies on the other. Most groups did not use the chart, but had discussions.

Key Takeaways from the Flip Charts:

- Add more unstructured time to kids lives
- Add more green space to play
- Need to make a culture shift to let kids be kids
- 95210 (9 hours of sleep, 5 fruits and veggies, no more than 2 hours of screen time, 1 hour of exercise and 0 sugary drinks)
- Define screen time, and understand that homework, reading for pleasure, games, etc. are all done in front of a screen now.
- Look at best practices around the region

Striking thoughts: Connectedness of each of the workgroups, that each issue is so complex, and that different approaches will have to be developed for different people.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Update –

Alicia Guajardo shared information about FACE. Emma Violand-Sanchez had come to a meeting in the beginning phases of this, and now, it has been adopted as an APS program.

The FACE Action Team was charged by the Superintendent to develop the PIP (Policy Implementation Procedures) for the FACE Policy that was approved by the School Board in September 2014. The focus is on strengthening Arlington Public Schools' partnership with families and the community.

The goals are:

1. Welcoming all families into the school community
2. Communicating effectively
3. Supporting student success
4. Advocating for every student
5. Sharing responsibility

6. Collaborating with community

The FACE Action Team has 2-3 more meetings. The team is currently collecting information from various stakeholders focusing on the goals. Questions include: What does FACE look like in practice? What skills and training are needed? What resources and supports are needed?

Everyone's input is appreciated! Here is the link to the Google doc with four questions. It's self-explanatory - just open the document, fill in the form, and submit!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_fgjueqvBGCgBUVJ5sSZg061u8leBIfpTOG7X4ERzes/viewform

Side note: The team continues to look for some youth involvement in the meetings and development of the PIP - 1-2 students. If you have anyone you think might be interested, please let Alicia know.

Here's additional information - <http://apsva.us/domain/4400>

Gang Prevention Task Force Soccer Tournament

Tito shared this information regarding the tournament:

We are excited to announce our 10th Annual Arlington Gang Prevention Task Force Soccer Tournament! On **Saturday, May 23rd from 11am-7pm** our at-risk youth will come together to play at Washington-Lee high school. We will encourage our youth to be involved in programs that foster positive leadership development and prepare them to work in partnership with leaders in the County. We will talk about ***"Breaking Barriers One Goal At A Time"***. It will give our youth an opportunity to begin thinking about their barriers and identify champions and programs that exist in our community. It will be a wonderful opportunity to empower our youth, sharpen their leadership skills and encourage them to lead others to a healthier and safer Arlington.

Each participant will receive a t-shirt with a large logo message "DON'T lose yourself in a GANG" and a resource information line 703-GET-HELP. This soccer tournament is organized by the Arlington Gang Prevention Task Force and our partners, Arlington Community Foundation, Community In Schools, Arlington Partnership for Children Youth and Families, Arlington Soccer Association, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington Teen Network Board, Workforce Investment Act Youth Programs, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Friends of Argus and Aurora Houses. We are fortunate to partner with wonderful youth agencies and non-profit organizations that give our area's youths the opportunity to lead.

Our goal is to have 10 teams participate for an outstanding day of dialogue, competition, and fun. Please see attachments and encourage our youth to participate and have an opportunity to win prizes. The deadline to submit a registration is Friday, May 15th.

Please let me know if you're interested in volunteering Saturday, May 23rd and I'll forward you a link to sign up for this wonderful event. The first 20 volunteers to register on the link will get a FREE T-shirt and dinner.

