

# Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

June 23, 2014

## Notes

**Attendees:** John Andelin, Michael Brown, Bill Browning, Dave Carlson, Judy Hadden, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Christine Schaubach, Weadé Wallace, Alicia Guajardo, Mary Ann Moran, Earl Conklin, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Sam Stebbins, Tom Wallace, Kim Durand, Whitney Strand, Michael Swisher, Amy Yamashiro, Henry Dunbar, Celeste Meadows, Keith Miller, Kate McCauley.

### **Chair Bill Browning started the meeting with a few announcements:**

- The Charter has been delivered to both the County and the School Boards. We have not heard anything in response, but we now have updated information on file. [It can be found on the website at <http://www.apcyf.org/files/2014/06/APCYF-Charter-May-2014.pdf>]
- Bill is meeting with Anne Vor der Bruegge and Weadé Wallace soon. They are going to be researching the pros and cons of creating Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with APS and/or the County. Do we want something specific spelled out in an MOU to ensure consistency through time? Or, do we prefer the flexibility of not having anything formal to define the job? When they are done with their research, they will present their findings to the Partnership.
- A Membership Committee has been meeting to talk about recruitment. They have brainstormed possible groups and networks of friends where they might reach out to look for possible new members. If you know of someone who would be a good addition to APCYF, invite them to a meeting. Or, if you'd like to join the committee please reach out to one of the committee members, Bill, Kim, Sally, Judy, Linda, Jim, Dave.
- A Nominating Committee has been formed to identify someone to lead APCYF starting in January. Barbara Gomez, Linda Henderson, and Dave Carlson are beginning discussions to determine how to proceed.
- The Board Development Committee has a work group that will be looking at how we have established goals in the past and how that might help us in establishing our priorities for us in the near future. Barbara Gomez and Mary Ann Moran are going to begin pulling together our history.
- Michael Brown attended the Connect with Kids Champions awards at the School Board and presented along with TNB member Bethlehem Demissie. Thanks to both of them for helping out.
- The Anti-Gang Soccer Tournament was held on June 22 and was very successful. Thank you to Michael Swisher and Whitney Strand for assisting with various aspects of the event, and to Robert Vilchez for organizing the event.

### **Guest Speaker: Henry Dunbar with Phoenix Bikes (<http://www.phoenixbikes.org/>)**

Henry informed us of this wonderful program and we were able to see how his work supports the Developmental Assets in Arlington. They work with kids ages 12 – 18 and they do everything from customer service to working on the bikes. Over the past 7 years, they have worked with over 500 kids; 271 have earned bikes they get to keep! [see attached power point for additional information]. Henry shared that about 10% of the students who participate stay connected to

Phoenix Bikes in some way after they've graduated. If you have a bike in your back yard, consider donating it to Phoenix!

Bill asked everyone to name a few of the Developmental Assets we could identify from Henry's presentation: empowering youth, youth as resources, positive role models, creative activities...if you look at the list of 40 Developmental Assets, Phoenix Bikes covers just about every single one!

### **Assets Presentation: Building Blocks for Arlington's Youth w/Alicia Guajardo and Michael Swisher**

Alicia started the presentation with this "Prezi" (developed by Kate McCauley) and Michael stepped in to help with the statistics.

<http://prezi.com/pptalzwjouhi/apcyf-40-developmental-assets-what-students-need-to-succeed/>  
This was a great introductory look at Sparks and Developmental Assets. It was designed as a 15 minute piece that any of our members could present during PTA, Civic Association, or Service Club meetings.

After the presentation, we were invited to give feedback:

- Could we tailor this, shorten it? We want to hook the audience.
- Bring our own kids into the video, can we film our students saying these things?
- Break down the data even more.
- Put some sort of call to action in it – for example 53% of our kids don't have adequate assets
- What are you asking us to do as a result of this information?
- Shorten the Sparks video, lengthen the relationships
- What age range are we trying to target? We all thought it was for high school, but it sounds like you want to take it to parents of younger students. If that's true, show the appropriate ages.

Michael asked everyone to think of a place where this could be included and let him know.

### **Roles & Responsibilities Agreement Form [attached]**

Appointed and designated members were invited to read and sign their Roles & Responsibilities Agreement Forms. Other members are encouraged to sign as well. Note: although these documents are not binding, the intent is for each of us to make a written commitment for our participation.

### **Report Card Update**

The Report Card Committee is working and has been meeting weekly to finalize a draft for 2014. If you are interested in participating in this important work, please let Kim know. Upcoming meetings: July 10, 2014 at 6:00pm.

### **Announcements**

Assets Conference Call for Presenters [see attached] – the Out-of-School Time (OST) Council is holding its Assets Conference on October 18th, if you are interested, or if you know someone who may be, please forward this information along to them.

Earl Conklin wanted to share that his department was able to reallocate two probation positions to staff the Young Achievers program. They are in the process of hiring a coordinator.

Devanshi Patel shared (in light of our earlier presentation) that there is an organization called Friends of Argus and Arora that has a Bike Club and they do partner with Phoenix Bikes.

Kim mentioned that APCYF will be represented at the County Fair through the County Government's site. We will have a space a bit larger than last year and we will have information on APCYF, READY Coalition and TNB among other things. We will need County Fair Volunteers, sign up using this doodle:

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

July 3 – 12:00 READY Steering Committee Meeting at Liberty Tavern to honor Betsy Brown and Mary Renkey for their years of service to the READY Coalition.

RVSP to Whitney Strand 703-228-1683

July 28 – 7:00pm APCYF Meeting, Sequoia. Outside speaker will be Mary Zambrano from AHC, Inc.

August 8 – 10 – County Fair VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Let us know when you can help: <http://doodle.com/t3chk4qb2mumzqnx>

Currently, we're asking for 2 hour shifts. Further details to follow.

August 25 – 7:00pm APCYF Meeting, Sequoia