

APCYF Notes
March 16, 2016

Attendance: Michael Brown, Sheila Fleischhacker, Barbara Gomez, Betsy Greer, Alicia Guajardo, Judy Haden, Linda Henderson, Anne O'Brien, Devanshi Patel, Anne Vor der Bruegge, Mary Ann Moran, Kia Martin, Rosa Briceno, Rachel Harlan, Cintia Johnson, Susan Noack, Rick Strobach, Jim Tuomey, Kevin Clements, Cheryl Johnson, Marian Harmon, Kim Durand, Siobhan Grayson, Rebecca Hjelm, Sally LaBonte, Michael Swisher

Arlington All In! Recap

Kim provided a draft report (attached) that included some evaluation information along with the numbers of participants and additional information for review. Devanshi and others felt that the conference was very successful with approximately 250 attendees. Judy Hadden presented flowers to Devanshi and Kim for their hard work during the past 9 months.

There will be a meeting set to fully debrief the conference. Please respond to this doodle if you would like to participate:

<http://doodle.com/poll/g5izmy5vzp5y9e6f>

If you are not able to attend a debrief meeting, but have some thoughts regarding the conference, please send a note to Kim and/or Devanshi for consideration.

Upcoming Dates to Consider

April 20 – Possible Early Childhood Community Conversation

May 25 – Regular APCYF Meeting

June 8 – The Role of SROs in Our Schools

June 22 – APCYF Retreat

Early Childhood Community Conversation

It was thought that this would be during the Week of the Young Child, but it turns out that is the week before, however, at any events planned during the week, they would be able to promote our Community Conversation.

Possibly focus on Healthy Kids and Healthy Relationships? The Early Childhood Committee is meeting on Monday at 5:00 and it is recommended that the Committee add this to their agenda to help plan.

Things to consider: alternative time and location to accommodate parents of young children.

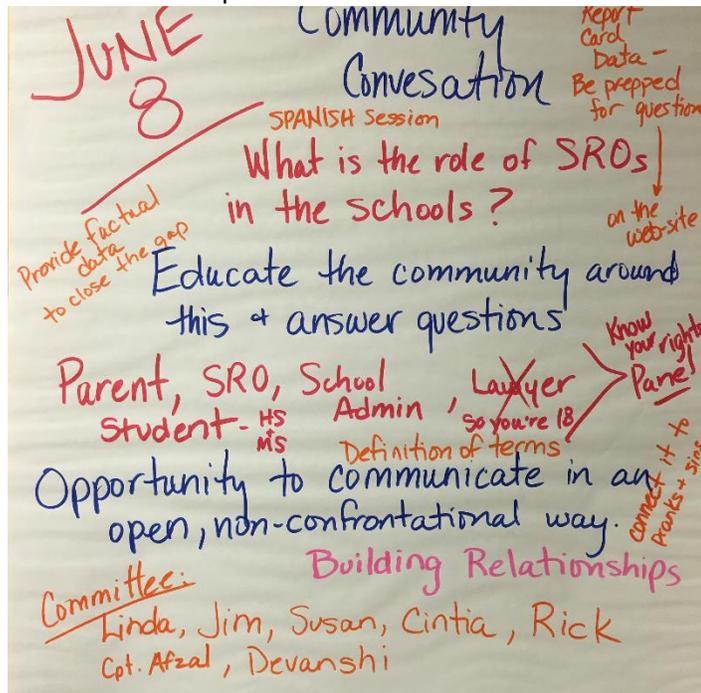
[Additional Note from Kim: If this is not marketed in a deliberate way, child care issues may come up. I recommend that we include the Child Care Office and others in Child and Family Services in the planning to make sure the timing is right, and to help us develop a goal that is beneficial to the community.]

The Role of SROs in Our Schools (*working title*) Community Conversation

Both the School Board and County Board would like APCYF to host a Community Conversation around SROs and APS. We want to have a program that is informational NOT confrontational.

We would like to have additional data from both APS and Juvenile Courts so that our discussions are data informed.

Notes from the Flip Chart:



The planning committee includes:

Linda Henderson, Jim Tuomey, Susan Noack, Cintia Johnson, Rick Strobach, Devanshi Patel and Captain Kamran Afzal.

[Additional Note: Rachel Harlan helped to secure the Central Library Auditorium for this event if we would like to use it. It is a neutral location, central and accessible.]

Advocacy Discussion

The Planning and Development Committee met on Monday to review information around the APS and County budget. After some discussion of what we would/could advocate for, it was determined that our number one concern should be restoring the Data Specialist Position to full time.

This position is directly tied to our mission:

To improve the health, wellbeing, and safety of children, youth, and families in Arlington through **researching** young people's needs, **advocating** for improved policies and programs to meet those needs, and **engaging** all members of our community as part of the solution.

We can't do proper **research**. We can't **advocate** for anything without the data, and we don't know what is important to **engage** the community on.

We can't get a full picture of the data without a full-time Data Specialist.

Notes from the flip charts:

- All of our data supports the Whole Child and Goal 5.
- Some of the reason APS knows what to include in the budget is from our data.
- Our data is not current, and won't be. We need to emphasize that the YRBS Data is from 2013.
- We need to clarify that our data is unique and important, and the Strategic Plan sites the Asset Data.
- Look at the Data Job Description (attached), what is unique and different about the position.
- If we can't collect data, the community won't be able to make data informed decisions.
- What is the story of what is missing? We need to feel that story.
- Do agencies use our data? How? We need those voices!
- Did Brenda use our data to get positions for APS (Mental Health workers in the schools?)
- Get some anecdotal information
- Community Conversations and all of our engagement is based on data.
- Which Asst. Supts use our data? Student Services?
- Tie this all to the whole child.
- Create drama to get them to pay attention.

Kim will contact Aspire, AHS, Carlin Springs, Phoenix Bikes and others to ask term how they have used the data. Also connect to Second Chance, HCAT and any other grants received.

We need three different types of documents:

- 1) Talking points for everyone to use and make their own when talking to Board members.
- 2) Formal letter to School and County Board.
- 3) The 3-minute presentation for Devanshi to deliver to the County Board on March 30.

Community members are encouraged to speak to School and County Board members directly, but also to send e-mails and ask others to write letters on our behalf.

Members were asked to go to the Open Office Hours of the School Board:

March 28 – Mary Ann Moran and possibly Sheila Fleishhacker will speak with Reid Goldstein

April 4 – Rick Stobach and Barbara Gomez will speak with James Lander

April 11 – no one has signed up to speak with Emma Violand-Sanchez

April 19 – Anne Vor der Buegge signed up to speak with Nancy Van Doren

Members were encouraged to contact the County Board members to set-up one-on-one meetings:

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