

## Hello APCYF Members and Friends –

Below are the notes from our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. I have several attachments for you to review:

- TNB End of Year Celebration – June 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00
- Revised Roles & Responsibilities
- Revised APCYF Charter
- Connect with Kids Champions
- Anti-Gang Soccer Tournament – June 22 at W-L
- Volunteer Celebration – June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Arlington Mill

### Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth & Families

May 19, 2014

#### Notes

#### Introductions

Members were asked to name their favorite book [see the amazing Summer Reading List below].

#### TNB Update

- The End of Year Celebration will be at Bluemont Park on June 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM [see attached invitation]. Please RSVP to Sally LaBonte [slabonte@arlingtonva.us](mailto:slabonte@arlingtonva.us) if you are able to attend.
- Mythbusters is under way, TNB is in all of the middle schools this year reaching more students than ever before.
- Care for a Change (CFAC) workshop is being scheduled for Swanson. TNB members have contacted the teachers who will be participating.
- TNB Leadership Team (the Chairs, plus the committee chairs) met to discuss succession plans.
- TNB Co-Chairs (Tyler, Anna, Noah and Katie) are planning "Leadership 101" in late June to help facilitate TNB leadership transition.
- Adult Allies met as a group to discuss their roles and plans for next year.
  - Current allies include: Alicia Cackley-Community member (Peer2peer), Chris Parayno- Community Member (Drugs & Alcohol), Desi Jerry-Parks and Rec (Peer2Peer), Leticia Torres-Community Member (Internships, Community Service and Employment ICE), Phillip Leverette- Youth Outreach Ready Coalition, Sally LaBonte- Staff (Communications), Lisa Cosgrove-Davies-Library- (ICE)
  - The Adult Allies would like to have a job description written by the TNB to have clear roles defined. They would also like to meet at least 3 times during the year.
- Applications for next year's TNB are available on-line. There are 28 returning member applications, 21 seniors are graduating.
  - They will be continuing to work on recruiting teens from across the county, particularly Wakefield students.

#### Report Card Update & Discussion

John Andelin gave an overview of the Report Card along with some history to give the discussion some context.

APCYF collects and analyzes data, identifies needs, engages the community and provides advocacy. We plant the seed by using all of the above to get people to move to action.

A small group started last summer looking to see what in the last report card is still valid today with the hope to update the charts to include any new data. Several members met with officials who use the report card to gather information about how (if) they use the report.

The constraints we have are time and resources.

We want to update it; we hope it will be better.

We want something in the future to be web based to allow for regular updates (not just every three years).

Amy Yamashiro, with the help of an intern, Keith Miller, has been updating the report card as it has been. No decisions have been made as of yet from APCYF regarding removing data. Amy recommends clear data sources and justification for new sources.

After meeting with several officials, Sam and John have heard that people like to have the Report Card, it helps them with policy making, and they would like to make sure it is user friendly and up-to-date and connect it online.

Additional comments included:

- It is good to have historical data
- Update the 2011 data on-line, but print a new Report Card
- Would like a call to action where action is needed
- Need to have a balance of good and bad
- This could be an informational document for real estate agents
- Information isn't necessarily being deleted, but it may be as text on a page, not a chart or graph.
- APS doesn't show trend data, the data we collect is valuable for that reason

Everyone was encouraged to read the draft and send along comments to Kim.

**UPDATE:** *The Report Card Committee will meet on **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am in Room 360. Please let me know if you will be able to attend!*

#### **After Action Wrap-Up**

Vision. Mary Ann presented the APCYF vision that was adopted during the meeting:

*Arlington, a community where all young people and families are valued, supported and empowered.*

This is the APCYF vision, but members should be encouraged to come up with their own vision when speaking to others about who we are and what we do.

Adopt the Roles & Responsibilities

[see attached]

Present the Revised Charter

[see attached]

Next Steps:

Setting the APCYF priorities – this has been turned over to the Board Development group for further work.

Creating a Membership Handbook - Bill is assembling a team to work on this together. So far, the team includes Bill Browning, Judy Hadden, Linda Henderson, Dave Carlson and Jim Tuomey.

### **Connect with Kids Champions Announced**

19 nominations were received and five were selected [see attached list]. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill presented an award to a CWK winner at his church. Bill and Michael encourage other APCYF members to assist with presentations when available. There will be a presentation to the School Board on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. A TNB member will be presenting the award at the School Board meeting.

### **Family & Community Engagement**

A policy has been drafted and a work group on met on May 29. Additional information is available at <http://www.apsva.us/domain/4400>

There will be an action tem working on this for up to 6 months or so discussing whether this policy will include staffing, training, etc. APCYF may consider weighing-in once we are able to review the information.

### **Early Childhood Committee (ECC)**

ECC held its first meeting earlier in May with 28 people in attendance. It was very exciting to welcome 28 people representing a wide range of organizations all focused on ensuring that our youngest children and their families have what they need to thrive.

At this initial meeting we were fortunate to have three speakers presenting an early childhood overview from the local, state and federal level. Maxine Maloney, supervisor of the Arlington County Child Care Office, and a member of the committee, gave an update of where we are in Arlington. The Child Care Office has worked hard to create a current picture of child care in Arlington including the number of home-based and center-based childcare spaces and the number of children being served.

Kathy Glazer, president of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, presented on where we are in Virginia. Kathy focused on Smart Beginnings as a tool for organizing local efforts to ensure that young children have the experiences and support and care they need to go to school ready to succeed.

Valentina Ntim talked from the federal perspective and informed the group about subsidies that are available for families needing financial assistance for child care.

The ECC will meet bi-monthly with our next meeting in July. If anyone is interested in being part of this group, please contact Mary Ann Moran.

### **Additional Announcements:**

**June 23 Volunteer Celebration** [see attached invitation] – we will begin our regular APCYF Meeting at 7:15 for those interested in attending, we will still end our meeting at 9:00.

**Volunteer Arlington privatization** – The County Board is considering privatizing Volunteer Arlington and during the April budget discussions, 4 of the 5 the Board members approved the following:

The Manager will, in consultation with the County Board, develop a framework for assessing whether outsourcing Volunteer Arlington can achieve the goal of ensuring that all residents – regardless of their background, age or socioeconomic status – have reliable avenues that lead to volunteer opportunities. This framework will then be used to develop a Request for Proposals designed to assess the potential for outsourcing this program. The RFP shall incorporate requirements/metrics that reflect the goals included in the framework as well as a desire for enhanced services and resources, including provisions designed to ensure that volunteers reflect the cultural, economic, and age diversity of Arlington County. The Board directs the County Manager to release the RFP by June 30, 2014.

Judy Hadden and Kellen MacBeth have been involved and are concerned about the lack of a public process in making this change in a program that impacts thousands of Arlington children and adults and are exploring ways to encourage a thorough community engagement process before a decision is made by the County Board. Contact Judy Hadden [cjhadden@gmail.com](mailto:cjhadden@gmail.com) for additional information.

**June 22 Soccer Tournament** at Washington-Lee - 3pm-10pm our at-risk youth will come together to play another soccer tournament and show how to CARE FOR A CHANGE! Through Care for a Change, we hope to teach, encourage, and support our youth to be able to value the thoughts, feelings, and attitudes of others (in other words, to learn empathy). The more we teach and talk about “Care for a Change”, we’ll begin to create a new culture in Arlington – of understanding, peaceful conflict resolution, and caring! [see attached flier]

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- Jun 3 6:30pm - Teen Network Board, Arlington Central Library
- Jun 4 5:00pm – APS Volunteer & Partnership Celebration
- Jun 5 1:00pm – READY Steering Committee, Sequoia
- Jun 6 9:00am – Second Chance, Sequoia Room A
- Jun 9 9:00am – Assets Committee, Sequoia
- Jun 10 8:00am – Report Card Committee, Sequoia Room 360
- Jun 17 4:00pm – TNB End-of-Year Celebration at Bluemont Park, more TBA
- Jun 19 8:00am – Board Development, Sequoia Room 139
- Jun 23 6:00pm – Volunteer Celebration at Arlington Mill
- Jun 23 7:15pm – APCYF Meeting **NOTE: TIME CHANGE for folk that want to go to the Volunteer Celebration.**

#### **Summer Reading List:**

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
1, 2, 3 Infinity	George Gamow
100 Years of Solitude	Gabriel García Márquez
13 Reasons Why	Jay Asher

A Ring of Endless Light	Madeleine L'Engle
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Betty Smith
Anna Karina	Leo Tolstoy
Arrowsmith	Sinclair Lewis
Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein
Black Like Me	John Howard Griffin
Black Stallion	Walter Farley
Blue Highways	William Least Heat-Moon
Cry the Beloved Country	Alan Paton
Divergent	Veronica Roth
Earthsea	Ursula K. Le Guin
Getting to Calm	Laura Kasiner
Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls
Gone with the Wind	Margaret Mitchell
Importance of Being Ernest	Oscar Wilde
Little Inch-High People	Charles Francis Riesner, George Wolfe
Main Street	Sinclair Lewis
Orphan Train	Christina Baker Kline
Our Town	Thornton Wilder
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen
Profiles of Courage	John F. Kennedy
Something Happened	Joseph Heller
Speed of Trust	Stephen Covey
Tao of Pooh	Benjamin Hoff
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston
Things to Carry	Tim O'Brien
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee
	Walter Isaakson