

CRLS School Council Meeting Notes
CRLS Principal's Conference Room
March 29, 2016, 6pm-730pm

Meeting opened at 615pm.

Attendees:

Greta Hardina, Family Liaison
Ross Benson, faculty
George Hinds, Youth Employment Programs
Mike Frutkoff, Youth Center
Trudy Wilcox, Parent
Trina Abbott, parent
Larry Childs, parent
John Delancey, parent
Kim Goldstein, parent
Johann Sadock, parent
Susan Bellas, Parent
Maria Figuerado, parent
Elka Uchman, Workforce

- I. Introductions and review of the meeting's agenda: out of school time opportunities for Cambridge youth.
- II. First Presenter: Mr. George Hinds, Director of Youth Programs, Office of Workforce Development, City of Cambridge. Mr. Hinds described five programs for youth run by the Office of Workforce Development.
 - A. Youth Employment Programs, comprised of three programs for youth aged 14-19.
 1. Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) for youth aged 14-18 is the most well-known program, employing 950 youth, Monday-Friday, for 6 weeks over the summer. (On Fridays, participants visit local colleges or join in social activities.) Applications available April 13, and **due back by May 6**. Acceptance rate is 100% of on-time-with-application for youth aged 14-15. Approximately 85% of 16-18 year olds are accepted as of the first lottery, with most if not all of the remaining 16-18 year olds accepted as positions open up. Runs July to early August.
 2. Mayor's Fall Youth Employment Program for youth aged 14-15 who have successfully completed the Mayor's summer employment program. Runs Oct-early Dec.
 3. Neighborhood Service Program, for youth aged 14-15 whether or not they participated in MSYEP. Youth identify a neighborhood project and then work on the project. Runs Feb-May.
 - B. Personal and Career Exploration. Seminar-type series for youth aged 16-19; meets once a week after school for nine sessions. Runs during the fall only.
 - C. Snow Shoveling, a matching program for local elderly who wish to hire local youth to clear residential sidewalks and driveways after snow storms. For youth aged 14+.

- D. Partnership with Harvard workers' union, for juniors and seniors. Runs Oct-May. Paid internships at Harvard in office environments or in libraries. Two hour shifts, four days a week. New option: 3 days a week, with fourth day reserved for career-related seminars (including job shadowing). Typically 20-25 applicants for 12 open slots.
- E. Summer Jobs at Harvard, MIT, and other private sector employees, for youth aged 16-21. This is a partnership with the Workforce Program at the Cambridge Housing Authority and TeenWork of Just a Start. Recruitment for teen and young adult employment in the community (matches youth with local jobs). Hours per week vary from 25-40.

III. Second Presenter: Ms. Elka Uchman, Senior-Teacher Counselor, Workforce Program, Cambridge Housing Authority. Ms. Uchman described two programs.

- A. Summer College Immersion Program (SCIP), for 24 rising seniors living in community housing or in Section 8 housing. A 6-week academically focused program held on MIT campus. 24 seniors split into 3 groups of 8 youth. Seminar-style program for SAT preparation, help with writing college application essays. Participants also tour colleges in New England.
- B. Summer Literacy Program for rising 8th graders. Stipend of \$200 for participating in this literacy program. Must be resident of community housing or Section 8.

IV. Third Presenter: Mr. Khari Milner, Co-Director, Out-of-School-Time Initiative, Cambridge Agenda for Children, and Director, Learning Partnerships, Cambridge Public Schools. Mr. Milner described four initiatives or collaborations.

- A. Out of School Time, for K-12 but emphasizing grades 6-12. Provides a clearing house of local out of school programs for Cambridge youth.
- B. Middle School Network, for 5th and 6th grade youth, focused on easing the transition from elementary to upper school.
- C. High Priority Youth, for middle school and high school students. Outreach and matching services for youth to local programming and scholarships to specialized classes (e.g., art class at Maud Morgan Art Center in Cambridge).
- D. Safety Net Collaboration with Cambridge Police. Aimed at building relationships with local youth.

Meeting ended at 730pm.