

Arts for Children & Youth in Philadelphia
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday August 7th, 2008

9-11am, William Penn Foundation Board Room

Arts for Youth Updates

- Official RFP will be formally released in early September. Final changes are being made to the RFP by the Steering Committee and the Leadership Subcommittee. Following the release, a Bidders Conference Call will be held on September 15th.
- Funders Breakfast is being hosted by Feather Houstoun, Sandra Dungee Glenn, Gary Steuer, and Susan Segal on September 23rd. Invitation lists includes corporate representatives, local and national foundations, and individual philanthropists
- Steering Committee additions: Susan Segal, Susan Sherman, Gary Steuer, and Lori Shorr (pending)

Updates from Working Groups

- SDP Arts Education Policy: This is stalled due to the transition to Dr. Ackerman. Tessie and Virginia's positions may be eliminated. New CAO announced tomorrow. 43 music and 25 art positions are still open- can't offer jobs until the end of August. The issue of hiring timelines will need to be addressed.
- Secondary Education Blueprint: Candace contacted Carol Fixman at the Philadelphia Ed Fund and they both agreed that not including the arts was just an oversight. The arts will be included in subsequent drafts of the Blueprint, but the new draft is not yet publicly available.
- Out of School Time: Bartol Foundation is interested in aligning this with LINC initiative and leveraging that investment. There is also an opportunity to influence a working group in the mayor's office that is looking at how to structure after school programming in the city. Shelley is involved in this group.
- Teacher Pipeline: Candace met with Dr. Ackerman. The District needs more help recruiting teachers. Hopefully the leadership entity that is selected will have close ties to higher education.

Arts for Youth Framework

- Due to the limited number of people attending this meeting, we agreed that the Policy Subcommittee would review the framework individually and provide feedback to OMG via email. The framework will be released as an attachment to the RFP, so if you have comments/edits, please email to emily@omgcenter.org by August 19th.

General Discussion

- Concern that there may be tension among the arts and culture community that money will be redirected because of Arts for Youth. This needs to be addressed honestly and openly. One strategy is to have a meeting with Boardmembers/ EDs from arts organizations.
- Need to beef up communications/PR strategy for Arts for Youth. How can we create more buzz in the community?
- Opportunity to align the timing of RFP release/funders breakfast/Big Canvas report

Next Meeting and Homework

September 12th, 9:30-11am, William Penn Foundation Board Room

Email OMG your comments on the Arts for Youth Framework prior to August 19th