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Diversity Task Group
 Arlington Vision 2020
 Monday, May 13, 2013
 Approved Minutes

Present:

Claire Carswell, Tarajee Pass, Mary Harrison, Bonie Bagchi Williamson

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and acceptance of April Meeting Minutes
- We are Arlington Conversation Project Update: Zhen Riu was cancelled. 5 parents agreed to come. Charles is willing to try to host it again. No word from Cheryl as of the May meeting on progress. No more conversations set up for now. Data from the Conversations was supposed to be presented at Town Day on Sept 21.
- Next meeting will be on June 10. The Conversations sub-committee should touch base before June 10 about future plans for Conversations. Is any data going to be available for Town Day?
- True Story: We are supposed to get back to Christopher from True Story by August 10. They need various themes. At Conversations we should get the contact info from participants, so that they can get information from True Story and participate.
- Training for Conversations: When Cheryl returns from Kenya, we should have a training for interested Conversations facilitators. We need a script, so that someone can step in if another facilitator is unavailable.
- We should recruit people at Town Day for Conversations. Perhaps, have True story presenting right in front of the booth at Town Day or can we have them on the stage? Mary will contact True Story to see if it is enough to give them themes 2 weeks prior to Town Day. Claire will check about who is in charge of Town Day. A round August 12, we should have a pre-planning meeting for Town Day.
- Confirm meeting dates for next year: Proposed dates are 9/9, 10/1, 11/18, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/12, 6/9
- September 9 meeting is important: We need people to sign up for 2 hour shifts for Town Day.
- Calendar: Claire will meet with David to see what he is doing and whether he can keep a calendar for the Diversity Task Group.
- Pre-Meeting Welcome: September 9 will be the launch of the Pre-Meeting Welcome.
- June 10: Have a trial of the Pre-Meeting Welcome. Bonie and Mary will try to be there at 7 pm. Please invite a friend to attend. Tarajee will send out the "Boston Marathon" article sent to her by Louise Popkin so that people can discuss it on June 10. We will all bring some food item.
- Parent involvement with Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools: No update. Is there room for a parent sub-group?
- Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Diversity: In Miriam's absence, Bonie updated the Task Group about the Diversity Coffee Social held on May 1. About 21 diverse candidates attended. A de-brief was held the following week and possible diverse candidates were discussed.
- Movie Series at the Library: Tarajee will check with the Library about hosting a series on diversity. Claire will check with Alberto Ruiz about showing "Girl Rising."
- Mary announced that the town is re-doing its website. She asked that everyone go to the town website and take a survey about how we use the website and how we want to make it different.

- Announcement: Arlington International Film Festival will be held at the Regent Theater from October 23-27.
- Ethics Training: We all need to go to <http://www.muniprogram.state.ma.us/> and complete the required Ethics Training. The deadline for 2013 was April 5, 2013.
- New Business: Vision 2020 is planning to do a survey next year on how to make the town more accessible from a disability perspective.