

## Regional Re-Engagement Network

June 26, 2015 – Meeting Notes

### Youth Voice & Leadership

Examples from ice-breaker (How have you involved youth in decision-making and meaningful roles in your work, past or present):

- Youth on hiring committees
- Youth on board
- Youth leadership council
- Youth as employees
- Advocacy
- Offering curriculum that is relevant to youth
- Indepth evaluation with youth interviews
- Input on curriculum
- Input on program design
- Pugetsoundoff.org

Seattle Education Access strategies:

- Youth participate in hiring process
- Youth help with site visits from funders, speaking at events
- Student advisory board (being revamped given geographical spread). Used to meet quarterly. Youth were paid via scholarship \$. Now thinking about regional boards and building on campus community at colleges.
- Students on board of directors

iGrad strategies:

- Peer mentoring (.25 credits for 30 hour leadership development curriculum)
- Volunteerism (bagging at NW Food Bank, etc.)
- Former students serve as speakers
- Will have students in on advisories, strategic planning process
- Principal student advisory (lunch/dinner monthly)
- Exploring peer tutoring, alumni web site
- PASA is a parent leadership program, will involve students who are parents
- Youth surveys throughout the year (need more CTE, new courses now being offered)
- Facebook page
- Exit data (but limited time to analyze)

YouthBuild strategies:

- Leadership Council (each cohort picks four reps), meets every Friday
- Monthly alumni dinners
- Former students as commencement speakers and give out certificates
- Civic engagement is core to the model (last crew researched City's priority hiring commitment, went to city council meetings, Mayor signed the new law at YouthBuild)
- Youth lead tours for visitors
- Youth run new student orientations
- Team building is key (use Ys low ropes course)
- Pride of ownership of facility, program

### **Branding Brainstorm**

Nicole (and any interested network members) to meet with the King County Youth Advisory Council July 14 to get feedback on branding. This brainstorm was meant to generate fodder to bring into that conversation so they aren't starting from a blank slate.

Ideas about naming the network:

- Reengagement Collaborative
- Opportunity Youth
- Back 2 the Future
- Your Future Now!
- Opportunity Youth Collective

Ideas for branding a campaign:

- Opportunity Centers
- Time in
- PROPEL (maybe an acronym?)
- Youth Opportunity
- New Direction
- Get Schooled
- Get back in!
- Get in, get up!
- Start here, go anywhere
- Boost Your Future
- Imagine the possibilities
- Bird (soaring, resiliency)
- Power up your future