

2007 Spring Conference
YouthBuild USA Education Department

“Partnering and Networking for Increased Sustainability”

May 15 – 18, 2007
Portland, OR

(Participant’s Agenda)

Achievement Based Learning Objectives (ABO’s): By the end of this conference, all participants will have

- *conducted* a site visit, learning walk and examine best practices in partnering for sustainability at Portland YouthBuilders
- *learned* about an alternative school and its strategies for high outcomes and sustainability
- *examined* and *analyzed* dilemmas connected to sustainability and *shared* solutions using a consultancy protocol
- *developed* action steps to their dilemmas to enhance their school/program sustainability plans
- *celebrated* the mission, our successes and *acknowledged* the challenging work ahead

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 (Arrival)

Participants arrive at various times and are staying at the hotel/conference center below:

Doubletree Hotel Portland-Lloyd Center

1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232

Website: <http://www.doubletree.com/en/dt/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=RLLC-DT>

3:00 – 6:00 PM **Registration** (*main lobby*)

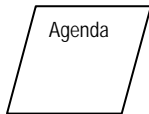
6:30 – 7:30 AM **Informal Reception** (*Oregon Room*)
Welcome to Portland by Jill Walters, Executive Director Portland YouthBuilders. Light food and refreshments will be available.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

7:30 – 8:00 AM **Registration** continues (*Oregon Room*)

8:00 – 8:45 AM **Served Breakfast** (*Weidler/Halsey Room*)
Individual Coach & PA Time

8:45 – 9:15AM **Welcome** (*Oregon Room*)



- Opening Remarks
- Introductions
- Overview of Gathering: Review of Objectives & Agenda

9:15 – 9:30 AM

Warm Up Activity: “What Sustains You”

- 1) Participants pair up; find someone you don’t know so well and after introducing yourself share an object/artifact on you, or discuss a person, place or thing that sustains you. It could be family, faith, your work, getting away from your work, a hobby, professional feedback and support, whatever, but the thing that feeds your passion, motivates your actions and allows you to do the wonderful work you do each and every day
- 2) You have 2 minutes, each. Only listen while the other person speaks. In addition, I will tell you when to switch roles from speaker to listener. What are your questions about your task?
- 3) Partners will (??) one another’s stories. We will do a sample.

9:30 – 9:45 AM

New School Data Reporting System in

Morning Session (Sustainability Discussion)

9:45 – 10:10 AM

The Big Picture – NSI (Sangeeta Tyagi)

10:10 – 11:45 AM

Cohort Discussion Groups with Report Backs

In moving toward High Quality, High Outcome, Sustainable Schools how far have we come, what are the continued challenges and where to next?

Framing Questions for Cohort 1 and 2:

What has the work meant?

What has it produced, what has changed? Specific examples of structural changes, cultural changes, changes in practice?

Where do the challenges still exist?

What are your next steps in becoming a more high quality, high outcome, sustainable school?

What can YouthBuild USA continue to do to support your work?

- 1) Participants will break into three large groups based on NSI Cohorts (e.g. cohort 1, 2, and 3). Each group will have a YBUSA facilitator and recorder – discussion captured on flipcharts. (The questions are not appropriate for cohort 3 – they have barely begun the work and need a different set of questions)
- 2) Cohort groups will then share to whole (25-30 Minutes)

11:45 – 12:45 PM **Case Study:** Open Meadows School

Refreshments are available (11:00 – 11:30 AM)

12:45 – 1:45 PM **Lunch** (*Weidler/Halsey Room*)
 Individual Coach & PA Time
 Sign Up for Afternoon Sessions

1:45 – 4:45 PM **Afternoon Session** (Consultancies & Literacy for Social Justice)

Literacy for Social Justice Workshop by Bill Bigelow and Linda Christensen – Rethinking Schools

Sustainability Mini-Consultancies & Action Plans

- 1) There are three thematic tables: 1. Multi-Sources for School Related funding, 2. Housing Development and Community Partnering for Growth, 3. School Improvement and Board Development.
- 2) Using the provided Consultancy Protocol participants will present their dilemma(s) and the group, including the table leader, will discuss. Staff and coaches/PAs will serve as facilitators and recorders for protocol. Participants will also record action steps for implementation back home.

Refreshments are available (3:00 – 3:30 PM)

4:45 – 5:00 PM



Evaluation of Day
 Review Next Day's Agenda – Site Visit
 Dinner Options and Events for Evening
 Closure

Thursday, May 17 Site Visit Agenda/Portland YouthBuilders

7:00 - 7:45 AM	Served Breakfast (<i>Weidler/Halsey Room</i>) Individual Coach & PA Time
7:45 - 7:55 AM	Board Bus – Leave for site visit to Portland YouthBuilders
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Presentation of Unique Program Features at PYB Preparing Students for Success After PYB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PYB/The Pangaea Project Partnership• Community 101 – Students as Community Leaders• PYB ePortfolio –Demonstrating Student Achievement• PYB Cohorts, Job Readiness Training, and Futures Decision Meetings• Taking College Courses While at PYB
10:30AM	Board Bus/ Travel to PYB’s Computer Technology Program
11:00 - 12:00 PM	PYB Computer Technology Site Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PYB Comp Tech Program – w/ Students
12:00	Board Bus/ Travel back to Doubletree Hotel
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (<i>Room TBA</i>) Individual Coach & PA Time
1:30 – 2:00 PM	CMACS and Portland Public Schools Relationship with Alternative Schools (<i>Oregon Room</i>)
2:00 - 3:30 PM	Supporting Student Transition to College and Postsecondary Training Gateway to College, Worksystems DOL Career Pathways Program, PCC Dual Credit and Portland State University
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Debrief - Site Visit Feedback <i>Refreshments are available (2:30 – 3:00 PM)</i>
4:00 PM	Evaluation of Day Review Next Day’s Agenda

Friday, May 18

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Served Breakfast** (*Helens Room*)
Individual Coach & PA Time

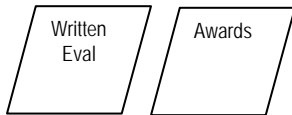
8:30 – 10:00 AM **Morning Session** (*Weidler/Halsey Room*)
(Consultancies and Learning Lab Presentation)

Mini-Consultancies continue from Wednesday

Learning Lab Presentation – by Steve Reder (additional option)

10:00 – 10:30 AM **Education Department Reports**
Recapping Conference and Learning Exchange – Wrap Up
Department Reports, Calendar of Events, Protocols, Etc.

10:30 – 11:15 AM



Evaluation, Appreciations, & Certificates
Recognition of First Cohort “Vanguard Award”
Gifts and Certificates
Appreciations – YouthBuild Style
Written Evaluation of Conference

11:15 AM **Box Lunch** (*Weidler/Halsey Room*)
Check out and Departure

11:30 AM **Closure**