
NEIGHBORHOOD MEET-UP DAY

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DRAFT OVERVIEW AS OF SEP 20, 2005

CONCEPT: An unprecedented opportunity for community members to engage in a city-wide “Day of Conversation” about the future of Seattle Public Schools. Numerous, simultaneous, neighborhood-based discussions, led by Citizen Hosts, will take place in homes, schools, churches, libraries and community centers, providing groups of friends & neighbors the chance to evaluate the Committee’s budget recommendations in small group settings.

DATE: TENTATIVE DATE: Saturday, November 12, 2005, 10:30am – 12:00pm

HOST COMMITMENT:

1. Determine & arrange for meeting location (your home, local church, school, library community center or other appropriate venue)
2. Recruit 10+ friends and neighbors to join the discussion*
3. Attend Facilitator Training
4. Focus the conversation around Discussion Guide (provided by the Committee)
5. Return sign-in sheet and Facilitator Feedback form (provided by the Committee)
6. Providing limited refreshments is suggested but not mandatory

* A ratio of 1:10 (facilitator: participants) is recommended, i.e., if you will have more than 10 people attending your session, we recommend you recruit additional facilitators.

COMMITTEE COMMITMENT: Materials, supplies and resources provided:

1. Facilitator training
2. Flyer and draft email for hosts to circulate to invitees
3. Sign-in sheet
4. Introductory talking points for facilitator
5. Discussion guide (10+)
6. Feedback form
7. Supplies (legal pad, pens, nametags)

PARTICIPATION GOALS: Geographically disperse
Diverse representation
High quality, usable feedback

TRAINING: Choose from one of two sessions:
TENTATIVE DATES: Thursday, Nov 10, 6:30-7:15pm or 7:30 – 8:15pm
Stanford Center Auditorium

FEEDBACK: [Feedback mechanism in development.]

NEXT STEPS: Host recruitment
Execute on promotion plan
Discussion guide development
Facilitator training prep
Materials prep