

**Southeast Seattle Education Coalition General Meeting  
January 19, 2017 – 12.00-2.00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Relationship Building
2. Partnering with Seattle Public Schools  
**James Bush, Director of School and Community Partnerships**, would like to update SESEC with current practices (Data Sharing, Partnership Agreements with Schools, and Housing & Education) and solicit feedback on the Eliminating the Opportunity Gap Initiatives.
3. Coalition Updates
  - **Tools for Resistance, Tools for Transformation** – TOMORROW, Jan. 20 | 12.00-2.00 p.m.  
Columbia Branch Library, 4721 Rainier Ave S.
  - UW I-LABS (Institute of Learning and Brain Sciences) is seeking 3-5 partners in SE Seattle. See information sheet for details. Contact [erin@allfivesinfive.org](mailto:erin@allfivesinfive.org) if interested.
  - Grantwriters Without Borders, contact Nate to learn more [Nathan@allfivesinfive.org](mailto:Nathan@allfivesinfive.org)
  - Advocacy and Policy Cohort recruitment, [mindy@allfivesinfive.org](mailto:mindy@allfivesinfive.org)
4. Brief Partner Updates and Announcements
  - Matthew Okun, Seattle Public Schools – Advanced Learning
5. Exit Cards
  - SESEC Upcoming Monthly Meetings, third Thursday, 12.00-2.00 p.m. at the Rainier Avenue Church (5900 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118)
    - 16 February 2017
    - 16 March 2017
    - 20 April 2017
    - 18 May 2017
    - 15 June 2017
    - 20 July 2017 (TBD)

Check SESEC's Facebook feed for the most up to date information: <https://www.facebook.com/sesecwa>.  
SESEC Facebook Group: Search Facebook for Southeast Seattle Education Coalition.



### **Advocacy and Policy Cohort**

Southeast Seattle Education Coalition (SESEC) is seeking volunteers for special committees to develop stronger policy and advocacy skills in the SE Seattle community.

Committee members learn how to use data in advocacy and policy work, develop and understand policies through a racial equity lens, ways to effectively advocate, how to write letters to the editor and op-ed pieces, and how to do effective presentations at boards, committees, and commissions. At the conclusion of each committee, members will have a deeper connection to policy work, stronger leadership skills and a better understanding of policy issues.

### **Details:**

- Approximately four (two hour) meetings a month, for two months. Cohort #3 will likely begin in January or early February.
- Meetings will be in SE Seattle, meetings at SESEC office in Columbia City. Please note our office has stairs and is not ADA accessible. If stairs are a barrier to your participation, let us know ASAP.
- Learn about education policy, advocacy skills, and outreach skills
- Stipends and transportation reimbursement needed for those who need it.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mindy at [mindy@allfivesinfive.org](mailto:mindy@allfivesinfive.org).

### **Grantwriters Without Borders**

The purpose of the GWOB program is to provide grant research and writing assistance to community non-profits and schools in SE Seattle. GWOB's intent is to help produce competitive and fundable grant proposals that support before-, during, and after-school programs designed to improve academic performance particularly for low- to middle-income children of color.

Grant writing services and support available to organizations like yours usually fall into five categories:

1. Researching grant and lender opportunities,
2. Writing letters of inquiry or intent (LOIs),
3. Helping to efficiently organize the grant writing process and efforts;
4. Writing and/or editing grant proposals, and
5. Preparing a final proposal package for signature and submission to funders

### **TARGETED ORGANIZATIONS**

SESEC is targeting its GWOB program to new and emerging non-profit organizations that primarily serve communities of color located in SE Seattle--organizations that generally do not have the staff capacity to generate competitive and fundable proposals easily. Also, the mission and programs of organizations receiving grant writing support must align with SESEC's priority to improve educational programs and opportunities for children of color in SE Seattle. Preference will be given to organizations participating as members of SESEC's coalition.

If your organization fits these criteria, please contact Nathan Thomas, Rainier Valley Corps Fellow at SESEC, at [nathan@allfivesinfive.org](mailto:nathan@allfivesinfive.org) or at 206-972-3141. To the best of your ability, please identify what kind of support you think you'll require (for example, if you need research assistance or help writing LOIs). SESEC staff will evaluate your request and be in touch with you promptly about support available to you. To easily submit a request online, go to <http://www.sesecwa.org/research-request/> and fill out the form. We respond to requests as soon as possible.

Funding, especially through grants, can be hard to come by. If you have funding needs, or foresee funding needs in the future, please contact SESEC sooner rather than later to make the best use of time.