

Immigrant Advancement Committee of CDICR

Minutes of March 6, 2021 meeting

In attendance: Jessica Chicco, Rezaul Haque, Joan Lancourt, Jon Lau, Ihssane Leckey, Bishnu Tamang, Sarah Kaplan (ODICR)

Report back from Outreach:

Members reported back from outreach they conducted.

- Sarah reported that ODICR and DPH do not maintain information on citizenship status, in accordance with the Town's Sanctuary City policy.
- Joan contacted the Senior Center which provided information on services offered including cultural services for Russian, Asian and Latinx seniors. The Senior Center identified language access and cultural engagement as two important concerns.
- Bishnu had reached out to the property manager at 22 High St but had not yet heard back.
- Jon reported the Teen Center did not have data to share.
- Rezaul reached out to the libraries and shared an informative PowerPoint presentation (attached). Discussion followed about the data presented and how individuals may be included in various categories.
- Jessica presented information about the school population, including enrollment data (<https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/profiles/student.aspx?orgcode=00460000&orgtypecode=5&>) with information on percentage of language learners (10.9%). The most recent numbers showed 855 total English Learners in k-12 in Brookline. Our schools have 6 native language support programs (Japanese, Chinese, Hebrew, Korean, Spanish, and Russian). 317 students are enrolled in Native Language Support Programs, and we have 31 English Learner teachers. Also shared information about the schools' Immigrant Family Advisor (Sejin Choi) and the English Learner Parent Advisory Council: <https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/Page/2512>

Next Meeting

There was not enough time for a discussion on next steps and possible activities. Set next meeting for Saturday, March 27 at 3pm.