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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

10:30a-12:30p | Thursday, March 15, 2018
Bolling Building 2-12

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Steering Committee meeting held on March 15, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Rahn Dorsey** (Chief of Education, City of Boston), **Karla Estrada** (Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services, BPS), **Makeeba McCreary** (Chief of Staff, BPS), **Andrew Miller** (Director of Academics, Catholic Schools Office), **Monica Roberts** (Assistant Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **Neil Sullivan** (ex-officio, Executive Director, Boston Private Industry Council), **Shannah Varón** (Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School), **Naia Wilson** (Headmaster, New Mission, BPS)

Members Absent: **Kate Brandley** (Regional Director, St. John Paul Catholic Academies), **Jon Clark** (Co-Director, Brooke Charter Schools), **Ali Dutson** (Principal, Mission Grammar School), **Oscar Santos** (Head of School, Cathedral High School), **Kate Scott** (Executive Director, Neighborhood House Charter School), **Kevin Taylor** (Chief Operating Officer, KIPP MA)

Others Present: **Kevin Andrews** (Senior Advisor), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff), **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Shannah and Rahn will review December minutes before voting to approve.

UPDATES ON INITIATIVES

New framing document: The committee expressed enthusiasm for the new framing of the Compact's work. **Rahn Dorsey** suggested defining the focus further, to which **Rachel Weinstein** responded that the Network Improvement Communities might become our focus.

Boston Educators Collaborative: The latest sessions showed improved numbers, but lacked robust representation from charter and Catholic schools. Charter representatives commented that this may be due to different PD requirements in their sector. Several suggestions were made, including offering BEC courses as an alternative to school-mandated PD and offering a course on cross-sector collaboration.

Network Improvement Communities: **Rachel** updated the committee on the status of NICs focusing on both English learners and students with disabilities. **Karla Estrada** requested clarification on the involvement of an academic partner and gave feedback on suggested partners.

Elise Swinford updated the committee on the Black and Latino boys school triad work, including her leadership of the next PD session. This group has also applied to present at the upcoming COSEBOC convention.

Monica Roberts updated the committee on the school climate survey, including the search for a third party researcher. **Shannah** applauded this as a part of the Compact's increased rigor.

Transportation: **Shannah** updated the committee on the charter innovation pilot (aimed at improving data sharing with BPS to reduce transportation costs).

EMERGENT ISSUES

Funding: **Rachel** is seeking general operating funding from The Boston Foundation, the Bar Foundation, Dell Foundation, and others, and welcomes other suggestions.

Rachel and **Elise** left the room while the committee proceeded with Rachel's annual review.

Steering Committee structure: **Rachel** proposed several possibilities for the functioning of the Steering Committee: disbanding, meeting two times a year, or three times a year (the current model). **Kevin Andrews** suggested that the group should meet no less than three times a year and that if any fewer should disband and rely more heavily on the Executive Committee. **Shannah** underscored the importance of the Committee for important information sharing across sectors. **Makeeba McCreary** suggested that these meetings are important for the integrity of the Compact itself. **Andrew Miller** raised the issue of strengthening the buy-in of the Catholic sector. **Naia Wilson** echoed Shannah's point regarding the benefits of these committee meetings. **Rachel** will follow up with each committee member individually for feedback and return with options or a proposal.

Fiscal sponsorship: The committee approved the motion to continue the Boston Private Industry Council's comprehensive fiscal sponsorship of the Compact (Neil Sullivan had left the meeting before this point).

Rahn advised the committee on the Empowerment Zone bill, which is currently in committee. City Hall would like the bill to include language on city governance.

Karla notified the committee that the LOOK bill passed for English learners, and that there might be an opportunity for the Compact to engage around implementation of this legislation.

ACTION ITEMS

Rachel will contact each committee member individually to discuss possible changes to the Steering Committee structure.

Shannah will speak with Elise regarding Rachel's annual review before Rachel and Shannah meet.