



Serving Students by Bringing Educators Together

School Climate Committee

10:30-11:30a, Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Boston Public Schools, Room 5-30

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey meeting held on November 8, 2017. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

PARTICIPANTS

Family Members: Brit Johnson (St. Patrick's School), Tayla Andre (Edward Brooke), Dalida Rocha (Henderson), Lesa Antoine (Mission Grammar)

Committee Members: Julia Mejia (CPLAN, Executive Dir.), Monica Roberts (BPS, Assist. Superintendent of Engagement), Nicole Wagner Lam (BPS, Dir. of Office of Data and Accountability), Lisa Harvey (BPS Deputy Dir. of Evaluation and Programs), Angela Kiley (BCA, Dir. of External Relations), Annie Cervin (RCAB Dir. of Data)

Others Present: Elise Swinford (Boston Compact staff), Rachel Weinstein (Boston Compact staff)

FOCUS GROUPS

Julia Mejia presented the plan for the focus groups: each will consist of up to 25 people and will be conducted in a range of languages in addition to English. Focus groups will also be held with marginalized populations. **Lesa Antoine** spoke to the need of reaching out to SPED families, **Dalida Rocha** talked about her work with the Cape Verdean community, and **Brit Johnson** and **Tayla Andre** provided updates on their outreach efforts.

SCHOOL COMMITMENTS

Rachel Weinstein reviewed the commitment requests made of school leaders.

Angela Kiley described the dissemination of the BCA survey results in the past: many charter schools report back to individual PTAs. BCA expressed the need for caution over how comparable data will be used, specifically that it should not be used to call out specific schools. Instead, it should be used to consider ways to support schools.

Monica Roberts suggested that the data be reviewed by decision-making bodies for potential action. **Nicole Wagner Lam** added that it should be required for each school to review the results, and suggested looking at cross-sector trends. **Annie Cervin** seconded the preference of using the data to look at cross-sector trends. Parents called for neighborhood public reporting by sector.

Julia Mejia presented a draft of the online survey to be filled out by parents. **Lisa Harvey** provided feedback and suggestions, ultimately offering to help design the survey in conjunction with CPLAN.

Incentivizing participation in the focus groups was discussed, including raffling \$25 gift cards.

ACTION ITEMS

- BPS will provide sample language to use in the focus groups.
- Julia Mejia will continue to work with Lisa Harvey to develop the online survey.
- The Boston Compact will provide 40 gift cards of \$25 to be raffled at focus groups.