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School Climate Committee
3-4:30p Friday | March 29, 2019
Bolling Building, Room 2-12A

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee meeting held on March 29, 2019. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Dir., Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Linda Freeman** (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network), **Becky Mongeau** (Data Specialist, Catholic Schools Office), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Superintendent of Engagement, Boston Public Schools), **Jake Stern** (Office of Data & Accountability, Boston Public Schools)

Members absent: **Tayla Andre** (CPLAN), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations Coordinator, BPS), **Mary Dillman** (Interim Exec. Dir., Office of Data and Accountability, BPS), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, BPS), **Britt Johnson** (CPLAN), **Gloria West** (Citywide Parent Council)

Others present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff) and **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The minutes from the February meeting were approved with revisions.

AGENDA ITEMS

Sector updates

The Catholic Schools Office staff reported that there are currently five schools who have participation rates over 30% with another 2-3 who are close to hitting the threshold. The Boston Charter Alliance representative noted that Alison Tyler has left her position and Teresa Rodriguez, staff at Boston Collegiate, will be handling the coordination within the sector. Boston Public Schools launched their school climate survey for families last week and has about 1,600 responses so far.

Research partnerships

Rachel Weinstein reported that the Boston University Center for Promise is eager to work with us. Given budgetary limitations, Dr. Jonathan Zaff would consult and his graduate assistants who would primarily analyze the data. His team will join us at the April meeting. Committee members had questions about other potential applications of the data by Dr. Zaff's team. **Rachel** will include this question when Dr. Zaff meets with us in April.

Outreach to family groups

Rachel gave updates on conversations with various family and community groups. Compact staff met with the Citywide Parent Council on March 26 about the cross-sector pilot questions. CPC representatives had questions about how and with whom survey data is shared. Compact staff stated that the Boston Public Schools has not

released (nor agreed to release) any data to the Boston Compact other than what is available to the public. BPS signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Mathematica Policy Research; thus, no one outside the Boston Public Schools and Mathematica has seen or been given access to any data that is not made public by the Boston Public Schools. CPC reps also expressed concerns that CPC was not consulted during initial outreach efforts for the survey questions. **Julia Mejia** clarified that CPLAN's parent leaders included CPC representation during last year's outreach, though the committee did not consult directly with CPC leadership.

Other outreach efforts

Rachel shared survey collection tips from other school leaders.

Elise Swinford provided updates on social media images that schools and central office could be given access to in order to help promote their own sector surveys. **Elise** will work on options for providing resources to schools directly, and will send images to BPS.

Language to English translation

CPLAN noted that there were several questions about non-English survey language in terms of interpretation. **Jake Stern** will send these questions along to their translation contractor for further conversation.

ACTION ITEMS

Elise will send along a deck of social media images to CSO and BPS.

Spencer will check-in with Teresa regarding BCA response rates to date.

BPS will have internal conversations about robocalls.

Compact staff will add non-English survey interpretation questions to a fall agenda.