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School Climate Survey Committee

April 24, 2019 | 3:30-5p
Bolling Building 2-12A

Presented are **DRAFT** minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee meeting held on April 24, 2019. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Tayla Andre** (Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network), **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Dir., Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations Coordinator, Boston Public Schools), **Linda Freeman** (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, BPS), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., CPLAN), **Becky Mongeau** (Data Specialist, Catholic Schools Office), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **Jake Stern** (Office of Data & Accountability, BPS)

Members absent: **Mary Dillman** (Interim Exec. Dir., Office of Data and Accountability, BPS), **Britt Johnson** (CPLAN), **Gloria West** (Citywide Parent Council)

Others present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff) and **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff), **Jonathan Zaff** (Exec. Dir., Center for Promise, Boston Univ.), **Hardin Coleman** (Professor, Boston Univ.), **Matt Savage** (Co-Chair, CPC)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Sector updates:

The Boston Charter Alliance reported that their survey window is still open, though they are unable to report current participation rates at this time. The Catholic Schools Office reported that their survey window is now closed, and some participating schools have met or exceeded 30% participation. Despite the relatively small number of Catholic schools who reached 30%, this is still progress given the nascent survey process for Boston Catholic schools. Next year, the survey will be implemented more widely which the CSO expects will lead to higher participation. Boston Public Schools reported they are still early in the survey window. 2500 surveys have been submitted so far. They are implementing robo calls and plan to use the social media images developed in partnership with Compact staff.

Center for Promise at Wheelock/ Boston University:

Drs. Hardin Coleman and **Jonathan Zaff** introduced themselves and their organization to the committee. Wheelock College merged with Boston University to form the Wheelock College of Education, in which Dr. Zaff's organization, The Center for Promise, is housed. The Center for Promise is a research center for America's Promise Alliance focusing on how to create conditions for all young people to thrive. This new institute is focused on research and evaluation of Boston issues, and they are interested in being helpful to our survey project. **Dr. Zaff** explained that they hope to be low burden and high value to the Boston community and schools.

The committee was curious about BU's interest in the data and possible uses. **Dr. Zaff** noted that the primary reason for BU's involvement would be to serve the community and that publishing any research later would be a group conversation. **Julia Mejia** asked if there would be an opportunity to help document best practices, to which **Dr. Zaff** responded that they would be happy to look for opportunities to help improve engagement. **Dr. Coleman** added that the Center has access to a range of faculty with specific areas of expertise, and that BU could be an option for multi-year analysis (and for thinking more broadly about helping schools engage with families in these areas). BU could help inform the work that the sectors engage in, but still serve as a neutral party to continue to build trust across the sectors. This work fits in with BU's interest in being a support for the community, which is why they are able to do it below actual cost.

Julia suggested moving forward with thinking about funding options for this partnership from funders who are values aligned. **Dr. Coleman** suggested that the request cover multiple years. The next step in this partnership is for the committee to draft a detailed plan of action and deliverables to send to BU.

While the idea was broached of doing data analysis "in house" with sector data specialists, committee members voiced concerns about sharing sector data with other sectors.

In the spirit of continued collaboration and increased trust across the sectors, **Spencer Blasdale** suggested that the committee have an explicit conversation about what our shared values are regarding collecting and using this data and our goals for working together. Compact staff can draft language to discuss.

Scheduling:

In an effort to schedule committee meetings at widely convenient times, **Elise Swinford** asked the committee when they prefer meetings to take place. As there was no consensus, she will send out a Doodle poll.

ACTION ITEMS

Compact staff will draft a plan of action to be shared with the Center for Promise.

Compact staff will draft language about the committee's shared goals.

Elise will send out a Doodle poll to assess the best time of day to schedule future meetings.



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School Climate Survey Committee

May 20, 2019 | 3-4p
Conference Call

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ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Dir., Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Fabienne Eliacin** (Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network), **Linda Freeman** (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, Boston Public Schools), **Becky Mongeau** (Data Specialist, Catholic Schools Office)

Members absent: **Tayla Andre** (CPLAN), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations Coordinator, BPS), **Mary Dillman** (Interim Exec. Dir., Office of Data and Accountability, BPS), **Britt Johnson** (CPLAN), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., CPLAN), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **Jake Stern** (Office of Data & Accountability, BPS) **Gloria West** (Citywide Parent Council)

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Meeting minutes from April and May will be reviewed in June.

AGENDA ITEMS

Draft scope of work with the Center for Promise:

All committee members on the call had a generally positive view of the proposal. **Lisa Harvey** has worked with Jonathan Zaff before with good result; she noted that his professional values are aligned with our work. Both **Spencer Blasdale** and **Becky Mongeau** noted that they would prefer more details be included (including a timeline and set of expectations) and possibly to see examples of the Center's work. **Rachel Weinstein** remarked that the scope of work can become more specific when we secure funding for it. **Fabienne Eliacin** noted that it is important to prioritize making the data more transparent and accessible.

One-pager on survey committee work:

In response to the one-pager describing the committee's work for partners and new committee members, the committee provided specific suggestions for revisions, but overall had a very positive response to the document. **Elise Swinford** will make the suggested revisions and circulate the document prior to the next committee meeting.

Outreach to foundations:

Rachel expects to meet with Myran Parker-Brass who might be able to suggest some funding avenues for our work, and she is still exploring a variety of options.

ACTION ITEMS

Elise will revise the one-pager and circulate it prior to the next committee meeting.