

## School Climate Survey Committee

10:15-11:45a | December 12, 2019

Online virtual meeting

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee meeting held on December 12, 2019. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit [www.BostonCompact.org](http://www.BostonCompact.org) or email [info@BostonCompact.org](mailto:info@BostonCompact.org).

### ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Tayla Andre** (Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations Coordinator, Boston Public Schools), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, BPS), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., CPLAN), **Becky Ubiparipovic** (Data Specialist, Catholic Schools Office)

Members absent: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Dir., Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Linda Freeman** (Special Education Parents Advisory Council), **Britt Johnson** (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

November meeting minutes were approved.

### AGENDA ITEMS

**Rachel Weinstein** summarized the options for engaging with the Opportunity Agenda on data analysis, suggesting that all sectors continue to include Compact questions, that we integrate these questions into current sector surveys, and that we create a plan for schools to respond to the data. Kristin McSwain has offered her research intern's time, who also works with Dr. Zaff of BU/ Wheelock. Kristin wants to ensure that school leaders will respond to data.

**Julia Mejia** noted that CPLAN plans to perform targeted outreach in 2-3 schools in order to create momentum for future years. **Lisa Harvey** emphasized the need for increasing participation, and asked about the motivation for school leaders to engage with the data. **Julia** stressed that we need to have a plan for both increasing participation and helping leaders engage, and that we should use the data from last year's survey to create a plan. **Tayla Andre** asked for clarification on what we are asking of school leaders, as the survey results are not surprising to anyone. **Tayla** and **Julia** noted that cultural competency in schools is a priority for CPLAN, and that we could show schools how the survey's three areas all connect to

cultural competency. **Rachel** will bring to Kristin McSwain a pilot plan to prioritize both participation and school leader engagement in two or three schools.

**Becky Ubiparipovic** noted that the survey for Catholic schools will be required for most schools in 2020, and she will recommend that the Compact questions continue to be included as a final subsection of the full survey that must be completed in order to submit the survey. Survey administration begins in February.

**Tayla** suggested making a collaborative video with parents and leaders across schools to increase participation. **Lisa** noted that many who do not take the survey do not feel empowered/ that their opinions matter.

**Elise Swinford** noted the need to re-establish processes for charter participation as there is transition in BCA/ Panorama survey point person.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Becky** announced that she has switched positions and the CSO is currently looking to fill her old position. She will be on maternity leave beginning in April 2020.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Lisa** will follow up with Jake Stern on getting demographic data to CPLAN in order to target schools with the highest need. She will also follow up on NDAs.

**Rachel** will follow up with Spencer Blasdale about the Panorama contact.

**Rachel** will bring to Kristin McSwain a pilot plan to prioritize both participation and school leader engagement in two or three schools.