

Citywide Parent Council (CPC) Meeting Minutes

2 March 2015, 6-8pm

Meeting Goals: Discussion of Parent Engagement event and Superintendent Search

Attendance: 14 parents from 20 BPS schools, Monica Roberts from the Office of Family & Student Engagement (OFSE), many attendees sent regrets due to change in meeting date caused by snow storm cancellation from previous week.

Next Meetings: 3/24, 4/28, 5/19, 6/16. All meetings are from 6-8pm at the Title 1 Training Center (BLA High School), 445 Warren Street, Dorchester, 02121

Parent Engagement: Monica reviewed a summary of the proposed Parent Leadership event. The new date is March 21st, from 8am - 12:30pm, in the Bolling Building, 2300 Washington Street. Parents expressed their opinions on the possible session topics.

Parents, including those on the CPC, have created an online tool to explain the budget process. It is available here: Video - www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIkLbUEXliM; toolkit - <http://bit.ly/1CEcEtG>

Parent Organization: Tito Jackson and Matt O'Malley have suggested that parents organize themselves by City Council district. Mary Pierce will be coordinating this with Councilors Jackson and O'Malley.

Superintendent Search. Parents thanked Heshan and Angie for their participation in the Superintendent interviews. The majority of the group agreed that it was not the CPC's role to express a preference amongst the candidates. The following comments were made about the positive aspects of the interviews or positive impressions of the topics discussed:

Bedden:

- There was enthusiasm for his story and his pedigree
- Loved that he was an athletic director
- Talked about integrating the arts
- The story of taking the kids to the zoo to teach biology was appreciated
- Talked about his team, rather than "I"
- Gave specific examples of his work
- Seemed collaborative and a team player
- Talked about implementation more than design
- Supports hierarchy reporting
- Discussed right sizing facilities in a positive way
- Does exit interviews with departing staff
- Articulate about global and civic literacy
- Each school to have a signature program
- Implementing research, like the Bell schedule
- Made good comments on budget transparency

Chang: Re-invented service delivery
 Deep empathy redesign: meeting the kids where they are
 People liked his food truck service analogy

Guerrero: Articulated lessons learned at the Dever very well
 Had experience in Boston

Martinez: Parents appreciated his passion
 Had a clear vision of what we need
 Willing to state some harsh truths

Angie noted that the CPC should thank all the candidates for putting themselves out there.

Agenda items carried over to the next meeting include the following Sub-Committee reports:

- School Quality: Krista Magnuson
- School Equity: Kenny Jervis
- School Culture and Climate: Karen Shine, Carolyn Lomax, Debbie Brendemuehl
- Facilities: Sarah Barnat, Nancy Minucci
- CPC Organization: Mary Pierce, Sarah Barnat, Heshan Berents-Weeramuni

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Attending:	BLA	Mary Battenfield
		Beth Nolan
	BLS and Irving	Margaret Wood
	BTU	Mary Lewis-Pierce
	Clapp	Kenny Jervis
	Curley	Heshan Barents-Weeramuni
	East Boston High	Teofilo Columbo
	Perry	Annisssa Essaibi-George
	Hale	Barbara Rosa
	Holmes	Carolyn Lomax
	Hernandez	Angelina Camacho
	JFK Innovation	Krista Magnuson
	King and Lee	Carolyn Lomax
	Mendell	Kristin Johnson
	Murphy and O'Bryant	Carolyn Lomax
	Perry	Nancy Minucci
	Sarah Greenwood	Carolyn Lomax
	Snowden	Barbara Rosa
	Tynan	Carolyn Lomax
Distribution:	CPC Google Group	
	OFSE	Michele Brooks
	Community	John Mudd, formerly of MassAdvocates for Children