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 21\textsuperscript{st}, 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=NIkLbUEXiIM; 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

**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  Anissia 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