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School Climate Survey Committee Meeting
12-1pm | Thursday, December 20, 2018
Bolling Building Room 2-13A

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee meeting held on December 20, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Tayla Andre** (CPLAN leader), **Linda Freeman** (SPEDPAC representative), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, BPS), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., CPLAN), **Annie Smith** (Dir. of Data, RCAB), **Jake Stern** (Office of Data & Accountability, BPS), **Alison Tyler** (Dir. of Data, Bridge Boston)

Members absent: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Dir., Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations Coordinator, BPS), **Mary Dillman** (Interim Exec. Dir., Office of Data and Accountability, BPS), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **Gloria West** (Citywide Parent Council representative)

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

November meeting minutes approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

Sharing of pilot survey data: **Alison Tyler** reported that some schools have already shared survey results with family groups. **Annie Smith** was not sure if the Catholic schools have shared, but will encourage them to do so. **Jake Stern** reported that BPS is still in the process of share data with the schools.

Making 2019 school-level data public: **Annie** will encourage Catholic schools to agree to share their data, but the decision rests with each school (though all Catholic schools with few exceptions will participate in the survey in 2019). **Alison** reported that several charter schools have agreed to share, some are still deciding, and two have declined. Compact staff will work on a set of talking points to more clearly explain the “ask” to schools.

CSO will send out their 2019 surveys on January 28th. **Elise Swinford** will finalize the revisions and send out the new version ASAP.

Publishing story on survey: no media outlets have picked up the story yet. **Julia Mejia** recommended getting the story out as the 2019 survey is disseminated with a call to participate.

The committee review the qualitative data analysis from Dr. Choi. **Jake** observed that the qualitative data is an added value to data specialists, and recommended continued analysis in future years.

Rachel noted a lack of future funding for this project, and CPLAN representatives suggested several solutions, including enlisting university researchers.

Demographic questions: The committee discussed alternative ways to collect relevant demographic data, including changing the language of questions 4 & 5 to “IF my child has X, the school meets their needs.” The committee agreed to Compact staff’s suggestion of adding two yes/no demographic questions at the end of the survey.

ACTION ITEMS

Compact staff will work on a set of talking points to more clearly explain the “ask” to schools.

Elise will send the revised survey questions to sector reps.