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**School Climate Committee**  
3-4p Wednesday | January 23, 2019  
Bolling Building, Room 3-30

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee meeting held on January 23, 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** (CPLAN leader), **Linda Freeman** (SPEDPAC representative), **Lisa Harvey** (Dep. Dir. of Evaluation & Programs, BPS), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Dir., CPLAN), **Beck Mongeau** (Data Specialist, RCAB), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **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), **Gloria West** (Citywide Parent Council representative)

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

The committee welcomed **Becky Mongeau**, Data Specialist from the Catholic Schools Office, who will represent the CSO on this committee moving forward.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Sector Updates:

**Rachel Weinstein** and **Spencer Blasdale** attended a recent Boston Charter Alliance meeting where Rachel followed up with charter leader who were unsure about opting in to sharing survey data.

After hearing more about the survey, most charter leaders are now opting in to participate and share their schools' data. **Alison Tyler** will follow up with one school that has not confirmed.

**Jake Stern** noted that all BPS schools have now received data from last year.

**Becky** said that the CSO is sending out the survey next week with the Compact questions added to the end for all Boston schools.

### Increasing Family Participation

Committee members gave the following suggestion for increasing participation:

- Use last year's results to inspire greater participation for those who might have different perspectives.
- Reach out to school leaders about how CPLAN can support efforts at their schools.
- Use promoted social media ads.
- Recruit college students or community organizations for support and volunteers.
- **Julia Mejia** suggested that we enlist last year's volunteers to help train new volunteers to ensure the sustainability of the survey project. The Compact offered to provide food for the training session. She further suggested that we hold the training as a part of the Citywide Parent Council meetings and invite Catholic and charter families for the training component held at the end of the meeting. **Jake Stern** noted the importance of an equitable distribution of volunteers as BPS is the biggest sector.
- **Monica Roberts** noted that BPS is hosting a conversation with three parent groups tonight and will ask for volunteers.
- CPLAN volunteers could target schools in a particular neighborhood across the sectors.
- **Becky** noted that the priority for Catholic schools is currently increasing enrollment, so we should make sure schools see how participation can benefit them.
- **Alison** shared lessons from Bridge's successful survey administration: take advantage of times when parents will be on site. For parent conferences, make iPads and laptops available, bookmark survey link, and ask parents to complete survey while waiting. Advisors called parents and mentioned survey in conjunction with other conversations. Offer incentives such as the class with the highest participation rate gets a pizza party. Offer a raffle for parents.
- **Jake** suggested talking with school leaders to see what worked well, then get organized by creating a list of schools that parents will target so we can communicate that to school leaders.
- **Tayla Andre** suggested that Catholic school leaders send out mass texts to parents.

Survey administration dates: BPS surveys late March/ early April through end of year. BCA is April through May. CSO launching next week through spring, possibly.

**Tayla** suggested that we think about ways to target parents who have left schools for cause in the future.

**Linda Freeman** noted that the SpEd parent advisory council resource event is at the Murphy on 1/24 from 7-9pm. The BTU parent to parent conference is this Saturday.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Elise** will follow up with **Becky** about opportunities for connecting parents with the survey during Catholic Schools Week.

**Elise** will reach out to contact at CPC.

**Rachel** will reach out to BU and **Julia** will set up training event.