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TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE

9 – 10:30a | Friday, April 15, 2016

Neighborhood House Charter School | 21 Queen Street, Dorchester

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Teaching and Learning Subcommittee meeting held on April 15, 2016. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Kate Scott** (Executive Director, Neighborhood House Charter School), **Monica Haldiman** (Principal, Sacred Heart of Roslindale), **Erin Cooley** (Manager of Research, Evaluation, and Partnerships; Boston Public Schools), **Akshada Kadagathur** (Office of Data and Accountability, BPS), **Karm Sherwood** (Executive Director, Davis Leadership Academy), **Yeshi Gaskin** *via phone* (Principal, Holmes Elementary)

Members Absent: **Craig Martin** (Principal, Perkins Elementary), **Robyn Pretlow** (Director of Civil Rights, Parents, and Community Engagement; Conservatory Lab Charter School), **Jemmel Billingslea** (Teaching Fellow, Nativity Prep)

Others Present: **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact Staff), **Kegan Smith** (Compact Staff)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The subcommittee approved minutes for March 18 meeting.

PLANNING FOR STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS

The BTU School, Match, Mildred Ave and Sacred Heart have all agreed to host student focus groups. They want to meet after PARCC testing is over.

The subcommittee discussed having five to ten boys as the ideal size of a focus group. We want consistent facilitation, ideally by a man of color, and note-taking at all four sessions. (Craig and Akshata subsequently agreed to these roles.) We also want a familiar adult, again hopefully a man of color, to accompany the students for this experience.

The subcommittee decided to offer an orientation call for the four school leaders as to the development of this inquiry, how their schools were selected and the aims of the focus groups.

- June 21 afternoon debrief meeting
- Karm Sherwood to speak with ethics teacher about focus group question assignment.

ACTION ITEMS

- Davis Leadership Academy's Ethics Class students will review and comment on the draft focus group questions
- ODA to share focus group questions with Dr. Rose
- Kate and Yeshi will introduce principals to Compact staff for scheduling coordination
- Compact staff will draft permission form and distribute to schools