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TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

3:00 – 3:45p | Monday, November 21, 2016

Conference Call Meeting

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Teaching and Learning Committee conference call held on Monday, November 21, 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, Chair of Committee), **Monica Haldiman** (Principal, Sacred Heart of Roslindale), **Karmala Sherwood** (Executive Director, Davis Leadership Academy), **Linda Nathan** (Executive Director, Center for Artistry and Scholarship)

Members Absent: **Yeshi Gaskin** (Principal, Holmes Elementary School), **Akshata Kadagathur** (Evaluation Associate Office of Data and Accountability/School-Community Partnerships | Boston Public Schools), **Craig Martin** (Principal, Perkins Elementary)

Others Present: **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff), **Natasha Maughan** (Compact staff), **Donkor Minors** (Coordinator of Targeted Programs, Office of Opportunity & Achievement Gaps, BPS)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The subcommittee approved minutes from the October 24th meeting.

FOCUS GROUPS REPORT BACK

Natasha reported on the November 4th debriefing meeting for the schools that hosted focus groups. School leaders from the BTU school and Mildred Ave attended, however Sacred Heart and Match school leaders were unable to attend.

Craig facilitated the meeting and concentrated on reporting back on what was learned during the focus groups generally and opening discussion on what was happening within the schools since the focus groups occurred.

Natasha reflected that it was disappointing that only BPS schools were at the debriefing, however the feedback offered was very constructive and the two schools present planned to visit one another.



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SCHOOL VISITS

Natasha will organize school visits to four schools (BTU, Mildred Ave, Sacred Heart and Brooke) for the beginning of 2017.

Rachel suggested that Compact staff and Akshata would go to all school visits in order for consistency in reporting. Teaching & Learning Members would be invited to attend as they are able. The group agreed with this approach.

Kate will draft an observation template for the visits to assist in establishing the framework for the visits. Members will be invited to suggest revisions to the observation form virtually.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MBK

Natasha has conducted interviews regarding the factors that make boys groups successful and will be continuing such interviews into December. Once completed, she will draft a set of recommendations that the Committee and external experts can discuss. The ultimate goal will be to present My Brother's Keeper with recommendations for scaling boys groups across Boston.

Karla Estrada, Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services at BPS, asked Donkor Minors, Coordinator of Targeted Programs from the BPS Office of Opportunity & Achievement Gaps to join the Teaching & Learning Committee.

Donkor indicated that he was honored to have been invited to sit in and was excited about the work that the Committee was doing.

Rachel informed the Committee that Compact staff would be meeting with Donkor again to review draft recommendations.

OTHER ITEMS

Donkor invited the committee members to attend the Dec 8, 2016 installment of Opportunity & Achievement Gaps speaker series, featuring Tim Wise.

Rachel suggested that the next meeting be in person as the last two meetings have been conference calls.

Karmala and Monica informed the committee that December 19th may no longer work for them as the date for the next meeting.



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ACTION ITEMS

- Compact staff will schedule the school visits for January 2017, keeping Committee Members informed of dates.
- Kate will draft and send out a one-page form to be used on the school visits.
- Yeshi will provide the auxiliary questions for the school visit form.
- Compact staff will compile a summary of boys' groups interviews and draft recommendations that seem to emerge from the conversations.
- Compact staff will meet with Donkor to discuss draft recommendations.
- Compact staff will reschedule the date and location for the next meeting.