



Serving Students by Bringing Educators Together

STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

10:30-11a, Friday, May 19, 2017

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Steering Committee meeting held on May 19, 2017. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Naia Wilson** (Headmaster, New Mission), **Turahh Dorsey** (Chief of Education, City of Boston), **Monica Roberts** (Assistant Superintendent of Engagement, BPS), **Kevin Taylor** (Chief Operating Officer, KIPP MA), **Karla Estrada** (Deputy Superintendent of Student Support Services, BPS), **Aliece Dutson** (Principal, Mission Grammar), **Kate Scott** (Executive Director, Neighborhood House Charter School)

Members Absent who sent proxies: **Kathy Mears** (Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Boston), **Shannah Varón** (Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School), **Makeeba McCreary** (Managing Director and Sr. Advisor of External Affairs, BPS)

Members Absent: **Oscar Santos** (Head of School, Cathedral High School), **Kate Brandley** (Regional Director, Saint John Paul Catholic Academies), **Amy Ryan** (Associate Superintendent for Academics and Digital Learning, Catholic Schools Office), **Jon Clark** (Co-Director, Edward Brooke Charter Schools)

Others Present: **Kevin Andrews** (Special Advisor, Boston Charter Alliance), **Rachel Weinstein** (Chief Collaboration Officer, Boston Compact), **Natasha Maughan** (Collaboration Coordinator, Boston Compact)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Members approved the April minutes.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP DECISION

Rahn recapped the Executive Committee's meeting with the PIC Board. Executive Committee Members shared with the PIC leaders the scope of the work the Compact is trying to do, namely advocating for sustainable urban education, a varied ecosystem of schools and quality behind every door. They also shared the current areas of focus we're working on.

Rachel summarized three options for fiscal sponsorship:

- (a) The Compact could incorporate as a 501(c) 3 and contract with the PIC to keep a separate set of books and accounts for us ("fiscal agency")
- (b) We could leave the PIC and find a new home, either independently or possibly with another fiscal sponsor
- (c) We could enter a "comprehensive fiscal sponsorship" with the PIC

She reiterated the Executive Committee's recommendation to stay with the PIC and enter comprehensive fiscal sponsorship, as the other two options would be significantly more expensive in time and money.

The group shared both enthusiasm and concerns about continuing with the PIC. Most understood the PIC Board's desire to want to have some oversight of Compact work, since they are legally liable for it. Committee Members wanted to be sure Compact and PIC roles were clarified in the MOU. A motion was made and approved to sign the annual MOU and to check-in in six months to see how the relationship is progressing.

ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will collect signatures from Executive Committee for the MOU with the PIC.
- The Steering Committee will check-in on this matter at its December meeting.