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Brief Overview: Community Schools
Community School

• A **public and private community partnership**
• Coordinates educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school

• **Objectives:**
  • Improve academic achievement
  • Reduce absenteeism
  • Building stronger relationships among students, parents, and communities
  • Improve the skills, capacity, and wellbeing of the surrounding community residents
If schools work in partnership with parents and community members to help build resources and support for students and their families…

Increased academic success for District students is possible!
Board Role and Responsibility
Role and responsibility:

– Advise OSSE and the mayor on the progress of community schools in the District
– Identify supports that can further enhance the implementation of the community schools
– Provide feedback on evaluation plan
– Assess sustainability of the initiative
2016: Year in Review
Board Meetings
Board meetings were held on a bimonthly basis; March, May, July, September, and November 2016.

Grantee Highlights
Grantee highlights were featured during the March, May, July and September 2016 meetings; highlighting a success story or aspect of the community school.

Site Visits
Board members were invited to participate in end-of-year site visits. Six board members attended.

Community Schools Evaluation
In 2016, via an independent evaluator, OSSE conducted and evaluation of the community schools funded by the Community Schools Incentive Initiative. In September 2016, an evaluation report was submitted to OSSE.
2017: Proposal on New Board Structure
For 2017, OSSE would like to propose a new board structure. The new structure would be primarily board-driven and led with OSSE support.

There would be one or two co-chairs that would be either appointed or nominated by the board.

The first task of this newly structured board would be to develop a recommendation letter to the recently completed community schools evaluation report.
Community of Practice Update
In September 2016, OSSE ESSE launched a Community Schools Community of Practice (CoP). The purpose of the sessions are for all District of Columbia LEAs that would like to receive training, and technical assistance in creating and sustaining a community school.

**Upcoming Topics of Discussion:**

- **Family Engagement/Special Populations (February 2017)**
- **Community & Public Health (March 2017)**
- **Finance/Sustainability (April 2017)**
- **“Telling Your Community School Story”/ Wrap-up (May 2017)**
Survey Results:
Upcoming Board Meetings
Based on recent survey results, board meeting will be continue to be held bi-monthly on Wednesdays. Meeting time will change to 10 – 11:30 a.m. An invite will be sent prior to each meeting.

2017 Meeting Schedule

• March 22, 2017
• May 17, 2017
• July 26, 2017
• Sept. 20, 2017
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