



## **Community Schools Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**4:00-6:00 pm**

**FINAL DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Jesus Aguirre, Amanda Alexander, Stephen Baron, Sheryl Chapman, Kevin Clinton (Chair), Mary Filardo, Nicole Hanrahan, Alexandra Pardo, Nathan Saunders, Laura Slover, Jeffery Travers, Calvin Woodland

**Members Absent:** Joseph Bruno, Judith Donovan, Lisa Mallory (represented by Gerren Price), Christie McKay (represented by Laurent Gosselin), Scott Pearson

The meeting commenced at approximately 5:00 pm after the Committee members were sworn in by Mayor Vincent Gray

### **A. Opening Remarks, Kevin Clinton, Chief Operating Officer, Federal City Council**

- a. The purposes of the Community Schools Initiative Incentive legislation:
  - i. Advising the Mayor on the future prospects for employing the community schools model on a larger scale throughout DC
  - ii. Developing the criteria that will be utilized to select the grantees
  - iii. Foster a coalition of support for the Community Schools movement in D.C.
- b. Opportunities and challenges of employing Community Schools model:
  - i. Provide for the greater alignment of resources to serve students
  - ii. Enhance the coordination of student service to service students better
  - iii. Support neighborhood based programs in neighborhoods where there are more charter schools and fewer traditional public schools
  - iv. Leverage our communities investment in state-of-the-art school buildings

### **B. Marty Blank, Director, Coalition for Community Schools**

- a. An overview of the community schools model was discussed and several resources were provided to the Committee
- b. Components of a successful community school were discussed:
  - i. Goal of community schools is alignment of services
  - ii. Supportive Principal is essential
  - iii. Schools should have an MOU from public/private organizations
  - iv. Should choose schools that have a proven history of success in working with community organizations

- c. Marty offered the assistance of his organization throughout the process and offered to take the Committee members on a field trip to see a well-functioning community school

**C. Janeece Docal, Principal, Powell Elementary School**

- a. Janeece gave a brief presentation during which she highlighted the various ways in which Powell Elementary school is partnering with the community and serving the community
- b. Important factors to consider when selecting partners: Alignment with mission and goals, support of academics, integration with curriculum, sustainability, structure, measurable outcomes, and accountability

**D. Irasema Salcido, CEO and Founder, Cesar Chavez Charter Public Charter Schools for Public Policy**

- a. Irasema gave a brief presentation during which she highlighted the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative
- b. She highlighted the importance of integrating the children and the parents into the process
- c. She also stressed the importance of incorporating data collection methods in the plan for the community school so that outcomes can be measured

**E. Nancy Brenowitz Katz, Project Manager, OSSE**

- a. Nancy discussed the RFA for the Community Schools Initiative Incentive and the timeline for awarding the grants
  - i. Nancy will send out the RFA in Word for committee to submit comments by April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Awards may be up to \$200,000 each and at least 5 awards will be given

**F. Group Discussion**

- a. Some committee members raised concern about their participation on the committee and whether schools/organizations that they are connected with would be allowed to apply for the grants
- b. In order to alleviate this concern, two solutions were agreed upon:
  - i. The RFA will be posted online for public comment
  - ii. Any Committee member who feels that he/she has a conflict of interest will not review applications for the grants

**G. Conclusion**

- a. The meeting was concluded at approximately 6: 15 pm and Committee members were reminded about the next meeting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the OSSE offices