

**DRAFT ONLY**  
**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**  
**6:00-8:00pm**  
**Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force**  
**Meeting #16**

**Attendees:**

- Amanda Alexander | Deputy Chief of Elementary Schools, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Caryn Ernst | Watkins ES, Stuart-Hobson MS parent; former PTA president, Capitol Hill Cluster School; member, Capitol Hill Public School Parent Organization (CHPSPO)
- Faith Gibson Hubbard | Chief Student Advocate, State Board of Education (SBOE); former member, Student Assignment Committee
- Erika Harrell | DC Prep PCS parent; Member, My School DC Parent Advisory Council; member, DC School Reform Now; member, PCSB Parent & Alumni Leadership Council (PALC)
- Kemba Hendrix | Elsie Whitlow Stokes PCS parent; former public and public charter school teacher
- Irene Holtzman | Executive Director, Friends of Choice in Urban Schools (FOCUS)
- Melissa Kim | Chief Academic Officer, Secondary Schools, KIPP DC; former principal, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Emily Lawson | Founder & CEO, DC Prep PCS
- Bethany Little | Murch ES, BASIS PCS parent; Education policy expert
- Claudia Luján | School Turnaround and Performance Division, Office of the Chief of Schools, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Darren Woodruff | EL Haynes PCS, Benjamin Banneker HS parent ; Chair, Public Charter School Board (PCSB)
- Antwan Wilson | Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

**Co-Chairs:**

- Jennifer Niles | Deputy Mayor for Education
- Anthony Williams | CEO & Executive Director, Federal City Council; former Mayor

**Facilitator:**

- Jim Sandman | President, Legal Services Corporation; former General Counsel, DCPS

**Members not in Attendance:**

- Evelyn Boyd Simmons | Francis-Stevens parent; W2 Education Network; former member, Student Assignment Committee; President, Logan Circle Community Association
- Shanita Burney | Deputy Chief, Community Engagement, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Angela Copeland | Stuart-Hobson MS parent; public affairs specialist
- John Davis | Chief of Schools, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)
- Charlene Drew-Jarvis | Graduate, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS); Senior Advisor, KIPP DC PCS; former Ward 4 City Councilwoman
- Carlie Fisherow | Executive Director, Scholar Academies and DC Scholars
- Hanseul Kang | State Superintendent of Education, Office of the State Superintendent of Education(OSSE)
- Mary Levy | Independent education analyst, former Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Parent of DCPS alumnae

- Scott Pearson | Executive Director, Public Charter School Board (PCSB)
- Alejandra Vallejo | Bancroft ES parent; Chair, Bancroft ES Local School Advisory Team (LSAT)
- Ariana Quiñones | Duke Ellington HS, Cesar Chavez PCS parent, education and human services policy consultant, Otero Strategy Group LLC, former member Student Assignment Committee
- Jim Sandman | President, Legal Services Corporation; former General Counsel, DCPS
- Anthony Williams | CEO & Executive Director, Federal City Council; former Mayor
- Karen Williams | President & Ward 7 Representative, State Board of Education (SBOE)
- Shantelle Wright | Founder & CEO, Achievement Prep PCS; Chair, DC Association of Public Charter Schools

**Staff:**

- Jennifer Comey | Director of Planning, Data, and Analysis, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)
- Alex Cross | Special Advisor for Education Facilities Planning, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)
- Chalon Jones | Program Analyst, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)
- Hannah Holliday | Leadership for Education Equity Public Policy Fellow, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)
- Rebecca Lee | Policy Advisor, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)
- Cat Peretti | Executive Director, My School DC, Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE)
- Ramin Taheri | Director of Cross-Sector Collaboration Initiatives, Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education (DME)
- Richelle Russell | Data Analyst, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME)

**Meeting Summary:**

Ramin Taheri opened the meeting with the goals of this evening's whole Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force meeting.

- Break into working groups to continue discussing theories of action and begin identifying possible policy solutions and/or recommendations
- Discuss the current ideas and possible policy proposals of the At-Risk working group

Mr. Taheri presented the Cross-Sector Collaboration Spotlight for the month, which highlighted Georgetown's Executive Master's in Leadership (EML) for Public School Leaders in DC. The program includes principals from both DCPS and charter schools who have started collaborating on a variety of cross-sector projects. There are plans in the works to have the principals assist the DME with other cross-sector projects. (Slide 5)

Before the working groups split into different rooms for an hour, Mr. Taheri went over the goals for each working group's discussions at the meeting and emphasized that this time the whole group discussion would focus only on the At-Risk group's discussions, as the OCS group presented its ideas to the group at the previous meeting.

[See additional documents for notes from the OCS group and the At-Risk group]

**At-Risk Working Group Report-Out:**

Mr. Taheri shared the group's thought processes and points of agreement so far, including the four focus areas identified by the group and the group's ideas around the first of these focus groups (Slides 14-19).

*Task Force Member Comments/Questions:*

- Lack of momentum has been part of the problem in a citywide effort to address attendance.
- Oftentimes, those schools that are doing well aren't getting recognized or rewarded.
- How do you define "value added" schools?
  - Some criteria has already been discussed by CSCTF members
- What feedback from the DME is needed?
  - Prioritization of proposals/areas:
    - 1 vote for the value-added proposal
    - An attendance campaign is already being done by another group; the CSCTF doesn't need to propose anything new but could add to what is being done by that group.
- All of these ideas could fit into 1-2 recommendations/policy solutions
- Q: Are there jurisdictions that are similar to ours that are having success? Has the at-risk work looked at what has been done in other jurisdictions?
  - A: The research that the group has been presented is not as in-depth as the research that was done around Strategic Regional Analyses for the OCS group, but we have looked at some broad research. More research has been done regarding attendance and what other jurisdictions have done around attendance.
- A presentation on the attendance campaign can be given to the OCS group.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.