



Official Minutes of the Boston School Committee

July 29, 2013

Strategic Planning Workshop

The Boston School Committee held a strategic planning workshop on July 29, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Lincoln Room at 26 Court Street, Boston. For more information about any of the items listed below, contact the office of the Boston School Committee: feedback@bostonpublicschools.org or 617-635-9014.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

- Developing a long term strategic plan for the BSC and BPS, July 29, 2013

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael O'Neill; Meg Campbell; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Claudio Martinez; and Mary Tamer.

School Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chairperson Alfreda Harris; and Rev. Gregory G. Groover.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. O'Neill called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. He announced that the meeting was being videotaped by staff from the District Management Council, who facilitated the workshop.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

John Kim, Chief Executive Officer of the District Management Council, presented a brief overview of the district's strategic planning process to date, including interviews with individual School Committee members and other key stakeholders, as well as articulating strategic goals. The Committee now begins the second phase of the process: formulating a strategic plan to be approved by the School Committee by the end of the calendar year.

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Mr. Kim then reviewed the characteristics and framework of an effective strategic plan, explaining that the School Committee is responsible for setting the district's aspirational goals, theory of change and priorities, while the Superintendent is responsible for establishing and managing the initiatives to achieve the goals. The Committee and the Superintendent share responsibility for setting measurable goals related to the district's priorities.

School Committee members divided into two groups for an exercise in which members grouped their collective aspirational goals into six categories. Members then reconvened and reflected on the exercise, describing it as both refreshing and challenging.

Committee members agreed to continue the exercise at the next strategic working session.

ADJOURN

At 8:10 p.m., the School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary