



Office of Engagement Update and Policy Recommendations

Presentation to School Committee
June 10, 2015

Our Mission

The Office of Engagement promotes welcoming environments in BPS, builds capacity for authentic engagement and supports effective partnerships among students, families, schools and the community to ensure student readiness and achievement from birth to graduation

2015 Updates

Countdown to Kindergarten

- **Play to Learn Groups** in 8 schools serving 446 families – 539 children
 - *74% of our families are low income*
 - *12.5% of participants qualify for early intervention*
 - *37% are repeat participants*
- **TALK, READ, PLAY**
 - Flash Rhyme Mob – April 17th ; collaboration with 70 agencies with over 1000 children participating
- **Kindergarten Transition**
 - 20 K-Days beginning in August
 - Kindergarten Celebration August 31, 2015

2015 Updates

Welcome Services

- 32,281 Parents served to date by Welcome Centers
- 19 School Choice Information sessions held
- Welcome Sessions are currently underway in BPS schools
- Planning has begun for 2016 School Choice Season

2015 Updates

Parent University

- Parent University Collaborative [18 community partners]
- 2 – Full day conferences and 52 satellite sessions (including Tech Goes Home and Family Clubs)
- 1229 attendees, impacting 2081 students
- Classes held in 5 languages with ASL support for parents
- Graduation 5/29

2015 Updates

Community Engagement

- 44 Faith-based and Community partnerships working with schools [23 formalized MOU]
- Annual Partnership Meeting – 86 participants
- Choice Neighborhood Grant with 5 BPS schools
- 377 Parent Responses to Needs Assessment Survey

Boston Student Advisory Council [BSAC]

- Code of Conduct App / HS Pilot with COCAC
- Student input in Teacher Evaluation
- BSAC Presentation to SC 6/24

2015 Updates

School-based Capacity–building Supports

- Home Visiting Program in conjunction with BTU
- Family/Student Engagement Facilitator Pilot [4 schools]
- Academic Parent Teacher Teams [2 schools]
- Title I compliance
- School-based Engagement Professional Development
- District-wide Professional Development

2015 Updates

School Site Councils

- SSC Trainings in conjunction with BTU [12 Trainings held]
- 99% of schools report having SSC [33 are fully functioning councils]
- Trained 18 OOE staff and BTU members to serve as SSC Facilitators [39 SSC meeting observations]

Policy Recommendation

Engagement Policy

- Last policy approved by School Committee in 1995
- Policy Revisions include:
 - Practice that meets the Federal and State requirements for family and community engagement; including the engagement of families of English Language Learners and students with disabilities
 - MA Fundamentals for Family and School Partnerships
 - US DOE Dual Capacity Framework for Family School Partnership
- Upon SC approval, the Office of Engagement will develop Superintendent Circulars to provide guidance and expectations for implementation with input from school leaders and staff, parents, students, and community members as appropriate

Policy Recommendation

Engagement Policy

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Looking Forward

Leadership

- Monica Roberts will assume leadership of the Office of Engagement

Structure

- Current structure and work will be maintained as we regroup to meet the demand with reduced resources

Strategic Planning

- To identify strategic goals, measures of success and plan for sustainability
- To identify strategies to leverage collaboration both internally and externally to build capacity and sustainability