

SSC Meeting January 12, 2021

Members Present: Jason McCrevan, Laura Katz, Nan Gomez, Donna Latham, Diane Cahill, Marci Comtois

Recorder: Cate Hugo

Agenda:

Goal: to develop a survey that can be sent out to all families. We will review a few models and then create one together.

- Review the former Title I survey sent out by LPS.
- Review the model School Climate Survey (*Beyond the Bake Sale*)
- How do we include family priorities?
- Start creating the survey.

Notes:

- Reviewed Covid data in Lowell and Superintendents plan for return
 - N. Gomez updated us on vaccine
- Budget - have a surplus (\$43,000 to be spent by 2/8). Excess is due to not having paras hired at BOY
 - plan was to buy 2 ipad carts and more Clear Touch Boards. Quote - buy 10 Clear Touch Boards with the money, getting 2 for free - So CSA And PreK through 4 would have one.
 - Debate - ipad carts or 10 Clear Touches - ipad cart was going to help w/ST math but now have 1:1 devices
 - D. Latham - interactive boards help to focus her CSA child, see value in these educationally- do we have to buy all at once?
 - D. Cahill -Do 3rd and 4th grade teachers want? ipads probably most helpful at Pre-K
 - M. Comtois - Do we need ipads for helping translating?
 - J. McCrevan - will ask staff - review with SSC via email
- Parent survey:
 - What will next year look like? Hard to think about while in a pandemic
 - D. Latham - parents are more focused on when children will be going back to school - lots of issues at home - may not care - not a priority
 - D. Cahill - More concerned with students academic and social growth
 - J. McCrevan - may be better to wait a month, so we can get a voice from people - need to be in a better place to answer - insensitive at this time to reach out about next year -
 - Revisit next month - members can look over samples

- School Updates:
 - P-EBT card - becoming difficult to manage; Upload on 1/11/21
 - Grade 4 teacher interviews this week
 - Assessments:
 - Iready - February 1 - week of
 - Access - extended through May - start with in school kids and then make appts. For remote students to come in
 - MCAS - State - lessen to 1 day only each subject - March - May
 - Union - pushing for no accountability for 3 years
 - New president may change high stakes testing for this year

- Next Steps:
 - J. McCrevan - Ask teachers about Clear Touch and use of tech money
 - Hold off on parent survey - look over samples - discuss at next meeting
 - Budgets will be in so expect multiple meetings in the spring