

**Boston School Committee  
Inclusion Task Force  
March 13, 2014  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Campbell Resource Center  
1216 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, 02125**

**Present:**

Raul Garcia, Zach Rossetti, Jerry Mogul, Eileen Nash, Natalie Ake, Jean-Dominique Hervé Anoh, Lindsa McIntyre, Bill Henderson (Co-Chair), Karen Zerby Buzzelle (Facilitator).

**Absent:**

Patricia Lampron, Elaine Ng, Marty Mitchell, Regina Robinson, Carolyn Kain, Richard Robison, Janet Palmer-Owens, Maria Paiewonsky, Edward Powell, Maria de Lourdes Serpa, Dianne Lescinskas.

**Others Present:**

Kenny Jervis, Marjie Crosby, Kenneth Hawkes.

**Welcome & Introductions**

- Bill announced the scheduled presentation on English Language Learners would be cancelled as the presenter Maria de Lourdes Serpa would not be able to attend the meeting. He proposed to add 15 minutes to Committee Discussions and end meeting 15 minutes early. Eileen seconded motion to change agenda and all approved.

**Approval of Inclusion Task Force Meeting Minutes: 1/9/14**

- Eileen motioned to accept minutes, Herve seconded and minutes were approved.

**Inclusion Task Force Updates & Announcements**

- Bill acknowledged that the Task Force did not meet in February due to a weather cancellation. He reviewed the Task Force mission and working definition of Inclusion.

- Eileen reported on the site visit to the Mendell School. The Mendell Principal is committed to a transition to full inclusion in the next four years, with faculty buy-in, a traditional budget with weighted student formula and appropriate flexible staffing. She described a fourth grade class visitors observed where there was remarkable instruction happening in a group with advanced, average and struggling readers.
- Karen passed around a sign-up sheet for the next site visits.
- Lindsa and Jerry gave a quick report on the BPS Strategic Planning Meeting they attended. Lindsa noted that the administration is still gathering information. Parents expressed concerns over inequities between schools, declining AWC seats and students with Emotional Impairments not being serviced adequately. Jerry expressed frustration that the document that was handed out seemed very aspirational and not grounded in the work that is being done.
- Bill announced that he hopes to have more information about the search for a new co-chair at the next meeting. He also let members know that Maria Paiewonsky is no longer able to participate on the Task Force and recommended that her seat be filled by another teacher. Task Force members agreed.
- Bill let members know that he and Karen are in touch with the facilitators of the School Quality Work Group and that Teaching and Learning where the two groups most need to coordinate. Jerry also emphasized the importance of looking at behavioral management.
  - **ACTION STEP:**
    - Bill will work through school committee to appoint a teacher to Task Force.

## **Committee Discussions**

- Expand Quality Options
  - The Committee approved the list of goals with revisions and added "Extended Year". Eileen and Jerry will send discussion notes to Karen.
- Ensure Quality Options
  - The Committee reviewed the Inclusive Practice Document. Zach will review discussion notes by Karen.

- Karen will send out both sets of Committee notes and at the April Task Force meeting, members will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

### **Other Announcements**

- Eileen reported on the Budget Hearing. She noted that funds for Inclusion include an increase in funding for Emotional Impairment supports, Inclusion Specialist positions, increase in grades for targeted schools and training and professional development for teachers and Paras.

### **Next Meeting:**

- **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Jeremiah E. Burke High School, 60 Washington St., Dorchester**

**Mtg. Adjourned**