

## **ACCESS Academy Site Council**

**December 15, 2014, 3:15 - Rm 103 - Rose City Park**

**Attending: David Wood (Principal), Michael Rocha (Paraeducator), Srule Brachman (Teacher), Michael Diltz (Teacher), Jonathan Dubay (Parent), Amy MacKinnon (Teacher), Kelly Cutler (Parent)**

### **AGENDA**

1. DBRAC/BOUNDARY Review and Access Growth Plan (Update)
2. Successful Schools Survey
3. Admissions to Access: Sibling Survey ½ Admissions, Other issues
4. High School Program (question: Madison HS etc)

### **Discussions:**

#### **TOPIC: Boundary/Growth Plan**

David- Spoke about no current update with Access growth plan, with co-location etc, district will update information in a "few weeks". D-BRAC at its 12/11 meeting declined to address "Tier 1" short-term issues, including Beverly Cleary/ACCESS co-location. Therefore, PPS staff -- Karl Logan (Sr. Director), Sascha Perrins (Sr. Director), and Antonio Lopez (Asst. Superintendent) -- will make a plan for 2015-16.

David-Shared PTA letter to School Board in support of growth plan. David encouraged feedback directly to stake holders. Raised the questions about further information from SITE council, we have about two weeks to give information about growth for next year.

Jonathan- Wondered where we were in process of presenting a vision.

David- Consistent theme to support growth of some sort,

Srule-Staff should have input, David will send staff a copy of the PTA letter.

Amy- Was concerned about the BCS data and report, trumping the decision to support Access' growth.

David- Our growth is indirectly affected by BCS. Is the growth the thing you plan around?

Amy- Suggested that the voices go back to the students, and asking for voices to share idea.

David-Suggested sending an email to Access families updating, asking input go directly to the decisions makers. Do we consider growing with the current growth plan, that has been going for the last three years? To let the community that DBRAC no longer will make the decision

**TOPIC: Successful Schools Survey**

David- January 20-Feb 28th survey will be open to families and will be asked to identify special education, race/ethnicity, free and reduced lunch. District wants 40% of families, Access would like 100% participation. Electronic and paper.

Michael- Set-up stations in the school, staff engage with families who do not have access to internet or limited language.

Jonathan- Communicate with PTA

David- And room parents

Amy- Could we have a school chart to measure progress?

Michael & Jonathan- Wondered about data for former students.

**TOPIC: Admissions to ACCESS**

David- Addressing sibling preferences, different at Access. The Board will likely make a choice in January. A survey that is Access specific in the areas of siblings? ½ admissions?

Michael- Does siblings over -run equity? We won't reach our goal of diversity. That is why I came to this district to work on equity.

Kelly- Concerned about ½ classroom looking at from an equity lens, since the district test all students in second grade.

Amy- Is there a way to add a point system for admission, to consider all factors? Using weighted pointed system.

Jonathan- Could you grandfather in sibling preference?

**TOPIC: High School Program- Madison HS.**

David- Principal from Madison contacted Access to get information to families.

Michael- Getting the information informs the decision. Get the info and move onto parents.

Kelly- Present information at PTA, and further info for SITE council.

David- Will invite Madison principal to PTA meeting.

Michael- Could we have more high schools principals speak to the parent community?

**Take Aways:**

David will invite Madison Principal

David will send an email update to families.