



Chancellor Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Emery Professional Development Center- 1720 First Street NE 20002

Presenters:

- Amanda Alexander, Interim Chancellor
- Sarah Parker, Deputy Chief, Community Engagement
- Jessica Heard, Deputy Chief,
- David Coleman, Director, Values
- Mahogany Blank, Coordinator, Community Engagement

Notes:

Meeting Attendees:

- DCPS Chancellor’s Advisory Board Members: Christine Miller, Jonathan Pajibo, Arthur Griffith, Lorena Shank, Kishan Putta, Jon van der Veen, Jessica Morton, Courtney Edwards, Rosa Singeltary, Kristin Jennings, Joseph Snell, Valerie Boykin-Pair, Charline Smith-Johnson, Sandra Moscoso, Andrew Patricio, Andre Taylor, De’Andre Anderson, Theotric White, Carmencita Jones, Tamika Hampton and Ashley Edwards
- Not in Attendance: Gabriela Jarquin and Kim Jones
- Office of Family and Public Engagement (OFPE): Sarah Parker and Mahogany Blank
- Office of the Chief Business Officer (CBO): Sara Goldband, Annie Murphy
- Office of Equity (OE): Brenda Elliot, Jessica Heard, David Coleman

Agenda item	Comments
Pre-Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dinner and mingle
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sarah Parker (Sarah) welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened introductions. ● Members went around the room and shared their name, ward and the school(s) their child(ren) attend. ● Sarah turned the meeting over to Mahogany Blank (Mahogany) who led members in a <i>Courageous Conversations Compass Activity</i>. ● Members answered the following questions on index cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What were you feeling coming into the meeting today? - Why are you here (What brought you here today)? - What are you hoping to get out of these advisory board meetings (What are you hoping to discuss/dive into)? ● Mahogany mentioned to members that we will be collecting the index cards at the end of the activity to help OFPE frame future



	<p>meetings for the year and hear their thoughts on what they'd like to discuss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three-five members shared what they had written with the group.
Hopes and Dreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah and <i>Mahogany lead members through the Hopes and Dreams Activity.</i> Members took a few minutes to think about their hopes and dreams for their child, school, and the school district.• Members wrote down their thoughts on sticky notes and placed them on chart paper around the room for child, school and district.• Members participated in a Gallery Walk and several members shared their personal contributions to the group.
Meeting Norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah shared the meeting norms slide from the PowerPoint deck and asked members if there were other norms to be added.• Norms included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take a collaborative approach- Focus on common purpose and goals- Put ideas on the table- Lean into difficult conversations- Presume a positive intent- Go hard on issues and soft on people- Acknowledge multiple perspectives- Privacy and Confidentiality- Monitor Airtime• One member added that there should be space to “park” a conversation for later if discussion has carried over so that members are monitoring their own airtime.
Updates from Chancellor Alexander	<p>Chancellor Alexander provided an update on below topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of School Highlights<ul style="list-style-type: none">- More than 5,700 students participated in Summer Bridge.- Approximately 500 middle and high school students studied abroad across the world.- DCPS engaged with students in critical transition years and emphasized the importance of attendance through orientations for kindergarten and PK-4 families as well as engaging with rising 9th graders to foster personal connections.• New School Openings<ul style="list-style-type: none">- DCPS launched Excel Academy, the all-girls school in Ward 8- DCPS opened modernized facilities at Bancroft Elementary School, MacFarland Middle School, Murch Elementary School, and Bruce-Monroe Elementary School at Park View.• PARCC Results<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 33 schools made gains of 2 percentage points or more in both ELA and Math



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Goals and Strategic Priority Focus for School Year 2018-2019- DCPS will focus on three key areas: Equity, PreK to Graduation Excellence, and Strategic School Supports. <p>Chancellor Alexander turned it over to Mahogany to introduce the next agenda item.</p>
DCPS Values Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mahogany introduced Deputy Chief, Jessica Heard who introduced the DCPS values framework and alignment to DCPS strategic priorities.● DCPS Values include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students First- Equity- Excellence- Teamwork- Courage- Joy● Jessica introduced Director of Values, David Coleman, who led members in an activity around their personal values and how their personal values can be used to contribute to uplifting DCPS values as members of the Advisory Board.
Time with Chancellor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chancellor Alexander participated in a Question and Answer Session with members.● Questions and themes that stemmed from this conversation were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attendance, arrival and tardy times and policy and implementation variance at schools- Ward 3 schools and overcrowding- PARCC Scores- What wrap around services are we providing for families? Some families are not bringing their children to school prepared to learn. <p>Chancellor Alexander closed the Q&A session by thanking members for attending the meeting and let them know that OFPE would be following-up with members via email.</p>
Next Steps and Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● OFPE will follow-up with members to send out a copy of the deck as well as share an additional way for members to communicate (i.e. yahoo group).● OFPE will share the meeting minutes as well as possibilities of a conference call during the months that members do not meet in person. Members were asked to fill out an Exit Slip to provide feedback on and evaluate the meeting.