

## **Minutes of the District of Columbia Education Research Collaborative Meeting**

January 26, 2022

The District of Columbia Education Research Collaborative (Collaborative) Meeting held its first meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, over Zoom. The Collaborative's Executive Director, Josephine Bias Robinson, Council of the District of Columbia Chairman Phil Mendelson, Deputy Mayor for Education Paul Kihn, George Washington University Associate Professor Olga Acosta Price, and Mathematica Senior Researcher Elias Walsh, were presenters.

### **I. Call to Order (6:00pm)**

#### **II. Announcement of a Quorum**

- Bias Robinson, facilitating in the absence of co-chairs, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Fourteen of 20 members were present, constituting a quorum. at 6:01pm.

#### **III. Welcome**

- Chairman Mendelson and Deputy Mayor Kihn explained the history of the research-practice partnership and role that they hope it will play in DC education.
- Bias Robinson provided an overview of how the Collaborative is structured, including the roles of the Advisory Committee, Research Council and Urban Institute.

#### **IV. Introductions**

- Advisory Committee and Research Council members introduced themselves and shared their hopes for what the Collaborative will accomplish.

#### **V. Overview of Research-Practice Partnerships**

- Bias Robinson defined research practice partnerships and shared elements of what an RPP is versus what it isn't.
- Elias Walsh shared what distinguishes research undertaken within an RPP from individual research projects.
- A video message from David Stevens, Director of Research at University of Chicago Research Consortium, welcomed the Advisory Committee, outlined the benefits of the RPP model, reviewed what Chicago has learned, and provided tips on how to make the RPP as successful as possible.

#### **VI. Presentation and Discussion of Mission and Values**

- Acosta Price provided an overview of the values and mission statement drafted by the Research Council for consideration by the Advisory Committee.
- The Advisory Committee will review, provide feedback, and will adopt final values and mission statement at the next public meeting of the Collaborative.

#### **VII. Discussion of the Advisory Committee Role**

- Bias Robinson reviewed in further detail the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee with an emphasis on the timely creation of bylaws and election of Co-Chairs.
- A draft plan was shared to demonstrate how the Collaborative could get to a research agenda over the next five meetings.
- Bias Robinson summarized the roles of the Advisory Committee, Research Council, and Urban Institute and emphasized Urban's responsibilities around fundraising for research projects and the management of the data warehouse.
- Questions:

- How will the IRB (Institutional Review Board) work for the Research Council?
  - The Collaborative will use Urban's IRB to review approved projects. Exact requirements and process will be made public once they have been finalized.
- Is this mission statement final?
  - This is a draft that was developed as part of the proposal Urban and Research Council members used to create the Collaborative. The Advisory Committee will review, refine, and formally adopt it for use by the full Collaborative.

### **VIII.Next Steps**

- Bias Robinson outlined activities Advisory Committee members will need to undertake before the next public meeting including:
  - Provide feedback on values and mission statement
  - Review draft bylaws
  - Determine candidates for Co-Chairs
  - Confirm dates for subsequent meetings
- The next meeting will likely include:
  - Election of Advisory Committee Co-Chairs
  - Finalization of Advisory Committee bylaws
  - Discussion of DC data
  - A brainstorm of areas of interest.
- Questions:
  - Will the Collaborative have its own website?
    - Yes, once funding is secured.
  - Will Advisory Committee members get updates on resources?
    - Yes, Urban and the Research Council will provide updates and be transparent about where funding is coming from.
  - How will research projects be staffed?
    - The Research Council will define that process in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

### **IX.Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.