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October 9th, 2014

**School Site Council - Parent Council**

**SSC/Parent Council Minutes**

* Mr. Weekes gave an overview of the power structure of education and how school districts puts more power in the hands of parents and communities to have stronger voice to better serve BPS students.
* Mr. Abelard launched WRA’s first webinar for the SSC/Parent Council
* Mr. Weekes walked parents through WRA’s school profile data
* Mr. Weekes/Mr. Abelard walked parents through the election process for SSC/Parent Council officers and by-laws.
* We discussed about barriers that are preventing parents from accessing resources, and general parental evolvement in school.
* We also discussed about ways to support and encourage parents to increase parental evolvement.
* Discussed engaging parents to support the WRA in fund raising effort.
* Discussed key components parents want to see in high school for all children including, career focused initiatives, pride in education, adult resourcefulness, respect to self and others, desire to learn, and civic responsibility.
* A previous survey on a school climate revealed that all staff and parents answered that parent’s participation and engagement at WRA is fair.
* About 99% of the participants surveyed for school safety said that their child felt safe at the school and there was a warm and welcoming environment.
* Finally for overall perception of WRA, all participants surveyed responded that their perception of the school was very good.

**Next Steps**

**Mrs. Pruitt** suggested creating a survey to learn of the challenges keeping parent from attending SSC/Parent meeting. **Ms. Hendricks** encouraged more use of online access and webinars to increase family participation.

* First official meeting for SSC/Parent meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm October 16th, 2014
* Parent Open House – October 16th 6-8pm
* Webinar recording: <https://www.bigmarker.com/marc-abelard/ssc-parent-council-meeting3>

**Attendees**

Rudolph Weekes, Marc Abelard, Paulette Edwards, Charrell Hendricks, Kevin Brooks, Dolores Wood, Tisige Negash, Herman Watson, Farah Abdulle, and Monique Pruitt.