

Virtual School Climate Sub-Committee Report
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Broadcast from the Media Arts Studio
454 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

Called for the purposes of discussing the individual check-in practices used in schools this school year.

Members Present: Member Rachel, Chair; Vice Chair Bowman; Member Wilson

Others present: Dr. Madera; Student Member Vera-DeGraff; Student Member Killian

Member Rachel is the Chair. The meeting started at 6:00 pm. Member Rachel outlined the meeting. Member Rachel provided background on the intent of the individual check-ins.

Member Rachel opened the meetings for public comment.

Student Member Vera-DeGraff discussed their personal experience with the check-ins. He discussed how it's different for every student, there are not a consistent set of guidelines for the teacher's interpretation of the check-in.

Chanho Lee discussed the importance of having a more personal interaction with the check-in.

- Member Rachel asked if the weekly check-ins were by email, would it be more in-person?
- Chanho discussed how more in-person check in would help.

Member Rachel turned the meeting over to caregivers.

Daniel Michaud Weinstock shared their perspective as a caregiver with the check-ins. He discussed the importance of relationship building.

Dr. Gittens shared what she learned from the principals. She discussed how it was a lot to figure out in the sense of what the call will entail and who will call who.

Manuel Fernandez shared his experience as a principal and how they tried to match scholars with people the scholar had a relationship and other considerations that needed to be made.

Dr. Madera shared that the morning meetings have SEL check-ins as well.

Member Rachel turned the meeting over to the other members of the Sub-Committee for their comments.

Member Wilson discussed the intention of the check-ins and the importance of relationship building.

Vice Chair Bowman discussed the importance of connecting these check-ins to academic achievement.

Member Rachel summarized that the intention of the motion did not tie with the implementation of the check-ins. There needs to be some implementation work that needs to happen. She talked about the need to collaborate with our out of school providers.

The discussion continued on the check-ins.

Member Wilson discussed the importance of centralizing information between staff and out of school providers.

Vice Chair Bowman talked about the importance of building systems and centralizing the data and using that data to best support systems.

Member Rachel discussed how there was supposed to be a dashboard.

Dr. Madera discussed how the data collection system could be improved and how COVID impacted it.

Member Rachel discussed the importance of building relationships with the School Committee and the administration.

Member Rachel ended the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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