

FAR NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Thank you for your patience, hard work and commitment! The final meeting of the spring ended successfully and the committee was able to finalize and approve a package of 18 principles. Co-chair Landri Taylor will present the final principles to the Board of Education during public comment on Thursday, June 17; they are attached at the end of this newsletter.

The 18th Principle: Vote Results:

At the June 8 meeting, the group was concerned about principle #18 being misinterpreted and new language was constructed. The revised principle # 18 went out to the committee via email and phone. There were 20 responses and the results were as follows:

- 15 Yes votes - to approve the new language and include the 18th principle in the principle package.
- 05 No votes - to disapprove the new language and/or the inclusion of the 18th principle in the principle package.

Fall Meetings: *Mark your calendars!*

Our fall meetings will begin Tuesday, August 17, at Martin Luther King Jr. Early College at 6:00p.m. Dinner will be served and daycare and simultaneous translation will be provided.

August will arrive before you know it, the community participation and inquiries will increase and the committee will have a short time span and much work to do. Below are interim tips that will assist you for the fall work:

- Read and organize all of your materials from the spring session.
- Review the scenario exercise that was done at the last meeting.
- Review the talking points (the Frequently Asked Questions document) for the community at large.

If you are missing anything in your binder, you can find it on the website: fneccschools.org. As meeting dates and locations are finalized they will be listed there. We will also reach out to you through the newsletter to keep you updated through the summer.

If you have questions about the 6/8 meeting results or about the upcoming August meeting, please email Makisha Boothe at mb@aplusdenver.org.

Minutes from 6/8:

The June 8 meeting opened shortly after 6p.m. Co-Chairs, Landri and Stacie welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda and discussed outcomes for the meeting.

Ken reviewed the consolidated principles and asked for feedback. There were some questions about when the principles would be used and how they would be used, and a note on an error (a principle was written twice on the handout). The group was concerned about principle #18 being misinterpreted and having negative consequences. It was the lowest rated principle and the decision was to remove it, revise it and make a decision by vote on a revised version. The group then agreed on the consolidation of principles 1-17 and voted by acclamation to accept the finalized version of the principles 1-17. The group agreed that if the language were accepted for a re-worded principle 18, it would be added to the package. If not, it would be left off and there would be 17 principles.

Pat did an overview of the background information and work to date, the district's timeline for this entire process through fall and the entire process that the district goes through in order to make informed, holistic decisions regarding school turnaround. She gave an overview of the district's options for turnaround strategies.

Yana introduced a fictional scenario exercise for the group to use in trying to practice applying principles to turnaround decisions and the group worked on this at each table. The groups reported out their results. (See Table Reports document for June 8 meeting.)

Ken discussed with the group that committee members most often cited 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

There was discussion about equity in rating in that the committee doesn't proportionately represent the community so votes might not be directly reflective of community beliefs.

Landri closed the meeting out by reminding the group that the exercise revealed the various moving parts and the complexities involved in the decision-making process regarding school turnaround efforts.