

## **FSF Working Group:** Meeting #1 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 28th, 2022

Meeting Time: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Members Present: Angela Green, Ellen McHugh, Henry Rubio, Marina Marcou O'Malley, Sarita Subramanian, Dia Bryant, Gabrielle Cayo, Geneal Chacon, Jasmine Gripper, Kaliris Salas Ramirez, Lara Lai, Marguerite Roza, Maria Villalobos, Mark Cannizzaro, Mary Vaccaro, Melessa Avery, Michael Athy, Paullette Healy, Randi Levine, Reana Akthar, Santa Soriano Vazquez, Tazin Azad, Ted Leather, Tom Sheppard

NYC Department of Education Staff Present: Emma Vadehra, Kenita Lloyd, Dan Weisberg, Benjamin Schanback, Savita Bharadwa, Lawrence Pendergast, Dong Han, Erin Gehant, Jermaine Robinson, Katherine Jedrlnic, Katherine Maro, Nathaniel Styer, Rana Khan, Xavier Edwards.

All presentations from the meeting are available on the NYC Department of Education website at: <https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/financial-data-and-reports>

### 1. Introductions

COO provided welcome to the Fair Student Funding Group.

Participants introduced themselves in the chat.

COO shared the goals and scope of the work for the group - Reviewing and making recommendations relating to the Fair Student Funding formula, including the categories, types of students, grade levels, and weights within the formula, in order to best meet the needs of students citywide, while keeping equity at the core of our work.

COO shared overall timeline for working group, and the expectation that members would be asked to do work in between sessions to understand current formula, research issues, and develop and review recommendations.

### 2. Discussion of Co-Chairs

COO shared that the Department of Education's hope is that this group is being led by Co-Chairs selected by the members, to ensure recommendations reflect the perspectives of members. COO proposed a process for selecting Co-Chairs, based on members nominating their peers or themselves as candidates, and then anonymously voting for Chairs. One member asked if co-chairs could be proposed during the meeting. COO asked that all Chair nominations be emailed to the email inbox to allow nominations all to be proposed in a consistent way, and to allow all participants to consider their selections.

### 3. Meeting Cadence, Timeline for Recommendations, and Approach to Public Engagement

COO shared proposed overall meeting cadence and timeline for recommendations, including that the goal for this group is to develop final recommendations for the Chancellor by October 31<sup>st</sup>, in order for recommendations to be finalized in time to influence FY24 Fair Student Funding. DC Lloyd reiterated that public engagement is a critical part of this process, and a desire to work with the members on what that would look like in the fall.

#### 4. Working Group Member Discussion and Questions

Working group members requested a list of the members' names. Members proposed that subgroups to be formed and suggested potential subgroup areas based around specific issues with the FSF formula or functions, such as public engagement. Members discussed the importance of fiscal modeling so that the group understands the impact of any recommendations made. Members also asked about the scope of the group and timing of meetings. Members noted that there are a range of other financial mechanisms that impact overall school funding, beyond just FSF.

There was additional discussion of the role of working Group Co-Chairs and the process of Co-Chair election.

Members also shared their own priorities and goals for this working group

In closing, COO shared next steps for the working group, including reviewing background reading to be shared with the group (the Department of Education FSF Guide, the 2019 City Hall Task Force Report, the 2019 Advocate Task Force Report, The Education Trust – New York, A Primer: School Funding and Equity report; and nominating Co-Chairs for the group.