

Child Abuse and Neglect Steering Committee Workgroup October 21, 2014

Goal: to leverage workgroup to develop systemic plan for reporting, training, and educating.

Norms

- Attack idea not the person
- Refrain from checking email and cell phones
- Seek ways to establish trust

Group Activity #1 Review of Charter Feedback

Group suggested more specific and explicit language about school's responsibility subsequent to allegations and the scope of abuse covered. There was a discussion of inviting additional external partners to the workgroup. It was also suggested that the workgroup identify a timeline for short-term and long-term actions.

Group Activity #2 MCPS Policy and Regulations on Child Abuse and Neglect

Group received an overview of existing MCPS policy and regulations on child abuse and neglect; heard about the initial benchmarking with other districts; and shared impressions of the current document with elbow partners. Elbow partners reported impressions for the whole workgroup.

Sub-Committee Overview

It was shared that the workgroup would be divided into six subcommittees: policy and regulations, human resources, communication, staff training, parent awareness, and student awareness. Each subcommittee will have representation from various stakeholders within the workgroup.

Action Items

- Send an email to Deb and Andy identifying your preference for committee work
- Immediate committee leads will send out work schedule once committee preferences have been submitted
- Feel free to exchange emails regarding time commitments
- Consider public reporting of the work of the workgroup