

AEC meeting 10-6-08

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Today we had a brief meeting, and we decided on a group of questions regarding governance that we would ask when we go on our visits. These are just a starting point so we can ensure that we are all getting similar information during our visits. Any other observations that visiting groups make about the school's programs or additional questions you ask are fine, but the answers to the group-generated questions will be what we **report back to the Transition Team on October 16th.**

We are asking that each team member decides which school(s) they plan to visit by Friday, October 10th. Please email the group the name of the school(s) you plan to visit so we can begin arranging our visits. If we split up the schools, we will have plenty to report back on the 16th.

The following are the group-generated questions that we are going to ask regarding the governance structure of each school we plan to visit:

1. What is the governance structure of your school, and what is the relationship of your SSC to the governance council? Which stakeholders are involved in governance? How many representatives are there from each stakeholder group? How are stakeholders selected from each group? Are there any ex-officio members? What is the length of term for each representative?
2. Are there any eligibility requirements to participate in governance? If so, what are they?
3. What are the decision-making domains of your governance council (such as curriculum and instruction, budget, professional development, hiring/staffing, school programs, schedule, school culture/discipline policy, parent involvement, community engagement, and fundraising/grantwriting)?
4. Does your school have a Local Leadership Council (for LAUSD Schools only)?
5. How do you measure the success of your school, and the effectiveness of your governance council (quantitative and qualitative measures)?
6. What did you base the creation of your governance model on? (i.e. specific issues within the school, data-driven, accountability, etc.)
7. How does your governance council create and maintain high levels of accountability for all stakeholders? (i.e. ensuring that there is follow through in all planning and implementation of programs and procedures within the school) **Gena please revise this question if this is not what you meant**