

Research Partnership for New York City Schools
Finance and Administration Workgroup Meeting
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Business Conducted through E-mail Correspondence (in process)

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Items Discussed

I. Project Update and One Year Targets

- Funding - grants received (W.T. Grant, Robert Sterling Clark, and the Pyewacket Fund); multiple grant proposals in process.

II. Advisory Board Nominations.

- In response to our solicitation for nominations for the research advisory board, 16 individuals received multiple nominations. Of this group, seven were local and nine were national. The criteria for inclusion were national reputation for education research, knowledge of NYC public schools and/or representation of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Workgroup members were asked to provide specific feedback (questions/concerns) on the current list and advice for next steps.

III. RFP.

- With the workgroups making good progress across the board, several funders whom we have approached about supporting the incubation phase have also been interested to know more about funding needs and strategies for the longer-term. Both indicative and in response to the funding community's interest in the project, the Donor's Education Collaborative (DEC), a group of education funders active in New York City that includes the Ford and Carnegie Foundations, has invited us to put together a small team to present and discuss the Research Partnership with their group and other funders, such as the Spencer and Gates Foundations, in mid-September. As such, we have decided to hold off on issuing the RFP until we receive more feedback from this group of funders. Nevertheless, feedback on the RFP draft was requested.

IV. Immediate Tasks

- Feedback on Advisory Board Nominations.
- Feedback on RFP.

V. Next Meeting: Mid August, 2006