

Best Practice Updates from 2018-19 SSC Visits:

- Make an effort to get committee Chair and other leadership positions to stay on for another year when a Site will have a new principal.
- Principals may unify meeting norms between Staff meetings, SSC meetings, and any other community groups; can use this as a way to reinforce community values in the way that interactions happen and how collaboration is approached across groups.
- Presenting previous year's survey results early in the new year allows for a shared baseline, and frame of reference for results to come in the current year.
- A desire to make the Home-School Compact a living, impactful force on campus: signs posted all around school, roll-out and explain it at P/T Conferences, BTSN, Kinder welcome events, PTA/SSC meetings.
- To bring the ask for survey buy-in full circle, offer to summarize the parent/community survey responses publicly for the school community. This also incorporates bringing the SSC into the role of community education.
- May discuss community engagement (student surveys) and data (test scores) in a single conversation. That is another balancing act that Principals and SSC members struggle with, how much weight to give to different measures of performance, perception, and need at a site.
- Consider building in internal reflection time in Agendas; after receiving information, before small- or whole-group discussions began, to elevate the quality of ideas exchanged.
- Principal may use a single document in which to record feedback/discussion notes on a topic from multiple groups (teachers, SSC members, etc.) as a simple way to not only stay organized, but also to identify where strong consensus may exist as well as to help recognize where further perspective-sharing between groups might be needed.
- Detailed feedback from Sylvia Mendez on their focus group process as an alternative to a family survey. Can be kept for reference to be provided to sites that might be interested in implementing a similar process.
- Increase number of templates offered for meeting documents.