

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

11a-12:30p | Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Bruce C. Bolling Building 5-64

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on April 25, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Erica Brown** (Chief of Policy & Practice, MCPSA), **Will Eger** (Strategic Projects Manager – Finance, BPS), **Charles Grandson** (Deputy Chief Operations Officer, BPS), **Mark Loring** (Director of Network Operations, Brooke Charter Schools), **Ellen McDonough** (Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), **Lina Musayev** (Capacity Building Network Managing Director, MCPSA), **Tabitha Redding** (Vice Principal, Mission Grammar), **Shanda Roberts** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **John Roderick** (Transportation Director, BPS), **Shannah Varón** (Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School and Chair, BCA)

Members Absent: **Peter Crossan** (Fleet and Compliance Manager, BPS), **Turah Dorsey** (Chief of Education, City of Boston), **John Hanlon** (Chief Operations Officer, BPS), **Morgan McDaniel** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston), **Delavern Stanislaus** (Transportation Customer Service Manager, BPS)

Others Present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff), **Oliver Truog** (Director of Special Projects, Roxbury Prep Charter School), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The March minutes were approved with revisions.

UPDATES

Data sharing: BPS consulted with their IT department to determine that charters should get enrollment lists to BPS by early May for optimal bus routing. **Oliver Truog** updated the committee on BCA's ongoing deduplication efforts, which will include SASID's for all students, aiding in the enrollment and routing processes. Representatives from MCPSA and BPS noted that the long-term solution would be driven by DESE.

Work Task Calendar: **John Roderick** noted that the annual transportation work calendar should be set soon.

Catholic schools: **Tabitha Redding** (and Ali Dutson) is in discussion with BPS representatives and will have updates at a future meeting.

Innovation pilot: **Shannah Varón** noted that, per conversations with BPS, the pilot will not move forward at this time, but emphasized BCA's faith that improved system processes will improve experiences for all children and families.

School year route scheduling: **Shanda Roberts** announces that there are no overlaps this year between summer and fall sessions across the sectors. **Will Eger** suggested that this conversation should happen in the fall for the following year to

avoid overlap in summer school and charter start dates.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Shannah called for the committee to revisit the Tiger Team memo to see what has improved and what needs to be addressed in a timely manner before August. **Rachel Weinstein** suggested that the agenda for the next transportation meeting should include the Tiger Team memo in addition to driver attendance and student safety.

Tabitha noted that some Catholic schools are holding school several days during February break and other BPS vacation days that do not typically have bus coverage. BPS was not aware of this conflict, and **Rachel** will connect Tabitha, CSO, and BPS in conversation to address this issue.

Charter representatives broached the subject of the DESE memo of understanding regarding transportation to non-BPS schools on days BPS is closed. Given the differing understandings of this memo, it was suggested that DESE send a representative for a future transportation meeting at which it will be discussed. **Ellen McDonough** will advise on who this should be.

ACTION ITEMS

John will follow up with the final decision on when BPS needs charter student enrollment data.

Rachel will add summer school end/ fall start dates for 2019-20 to October agenda.