

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9:45-11:15a | Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Bolling Building, Room 6-65

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on October 24, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Tchad Cort (Transportation Officer, BPS), Peter Crossan (Fleet and Compliance Mgr, BPS), Will Eger (Strategic Projects Mgr Finance, BPS), Mark Loring (Dir. of Network Ops, Brooke Charter Schools), Ellen McDonough (Mgr of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), Roudcha Serizier (Transportation Officer, BPS), Delavern Stanislaus (Director of Transportation, BPS), Shannah Varón (ED., Boston Collegiate Charter School & Chair, BCA), Angela Zhang (BPS Transportation)

Members Absent: Ali Dutson (Principal, Mission Grammar), Rahn Dorsey (Chief of Education, City of Boston), John Hanlon (COO, BPS), Shanda Roberts (Assist. Dir. of Ops, BPS), Kevin Taylor (ED, City on a Hill)

Others Present: Elise Swinford (Compact staff), Rachel Weinstein (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

September minutes were approved with revisions.

UPDATES

Review of work streams:

Angela Zhang will work on SASIDS and Catholic transportation.

Ticketing system: **Roudcha Serizier** reported that the major issue was on the charter tech side, so it should now be resolved. Members discussed the possibility of coding or tagging the tickets in order to make them easily managed and searched. This might not be immediately doable, but may be possible for the future.

Del Stanislaus and Mark Loring continue to work on bus attendant compensation procedures.

Other updates:

Roudcha reported that Boston Prep bus stops have been adjusted, resulting in improved service.

BPS has named a new Deputy COO, Zack Scott.

Roudcha is willing to do individual calls with charter school operations, which means that troubleshooting calls are no longer necessary.

The October bid has been pushed back, but will occur before Nov 10. **Del** has drafted communication for families who might be affected.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Charter reps requested a conversation about pick up times for charters holding students after bell. BPS will run some simulations, though this is unlikely to change this year.

Shannah Varón proposed increased collaboration with MBTA, suggesting that this could be an effort in building independence and life skills for SWD to navigate the city. **Ellen McDonough** will touch base with the MBTA liaison. **Rachel** suggested that a small group meet with the MBTA liaison and Ellen. There is curriculum for young people who will depend on the T from the MBTA available, which might be useful for schools.

Peter Crossan noted that the radio system was currently down due to lightning strike.

The committee requested an additional meeting prior to Thanksgiving to address Thanksgiving schedule transportation issues.

ACTION ITEMS

Work streams:

- Tchad will work with Angela, Carolyn (Legal) and John Hanlon on Catholic school transportation.
- **Del** will touch base with Mark on the handbook.
- **Del** will connect with John regarding STRIVE.
- Regarding next year's timeline, testing for K-2 students holds up enrollment. **Angela** is working to brainstorm solutions.
- Angela has investigated improving Zonar to reflect the full routing picture, but it is unlikely that these updates can be made this year.
- Will Eger is exploring ways to loop in DESE to help with data sharing between sectors.
- Will will contact BPS IT about data sharing options.
- **Ellen** will connect with legislative affairs at the MBTA.
- Rachel will draft a MBTA agenda for this committee's review.

Roudcha and **Peter** will call Roxbury Prep to troubleshoot.

The topic of overlap of summer and fall routings will be added to the next meeting agenda.