

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
10-11:30a | Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Bolling Building Room 6-65

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on May 22, 2019. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Mark Loring** (Dir. of Network Ops, Brooke Schools), **Shanda Roberts** (Assist. Dir. of Ops, BPS), **Roudcha Serizier** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **Angela Zhang** (BPS Transportation)

Members absent: **Tchad Cort** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **Peter Crossan** (Fleet & Compliance Mgr., BPS), **Ali Dutson** (Principal, Mission Grammar), **Ellen McDonough** (Mgr. of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), **Delavern Stanislaus** (Dir. of Transportation, BPS)

Others present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

April meeting summary was approved with revisions.

UPDATES

2019-20 Routing:

Angela Zhang reported that Dynamic Ideas is running a week behind due to the migration to the Aspen system. BPS is still working with evolving charter enrollment data. The process can be sped up by both using cleaner data and increasing capacity for the routing process in June.

Mark Loring noted that some charter schools may have a different number of available seats than last year, which should be factored into the routing process. **Rachel Weinstein** will check with MCPSA and report any changes. **Mark** asked if the protocol for sending data should change next year to improve the process. Angela responded that sending data early in the spring is best and that asking charters to indicate their expected maximum enrollment would be helpful as well.

Aspen migration:

BPS reported that the migration to the new system is going smoothly, with a few minor changes such as an adjusted format of student ID numbers. Conversations are ongoing about making the messenger system available to charter families.

Data transfers:

BPS Transportation representatives reported that BPS Technology does not perform batch updates of enrollment records. **Mark** noted that manual updates create extra labor for both BPS and charter networks. This policy might be revisited after the migration to Aspen.

APR bell time alignment:

Mark passed along the request from the Academy of the Pacific Rim for a review of their pick up and drop off times as they must staff before- and afterschool care to accommodate the misalignment with bell times. **Roudcha Serizier** offered several possible compromises and will reach out to their Executive Director in response to this conversation.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Driver challenges:

Shanda Roberts is in conversation with Transdev operations to discuss how to better plan for driver no-shows and securing stand-by drivers. The other priority will be to address timely driver departures from bus yards. **Mark** inquired how driver attendance data is used. Shanda noted that TransDev sends this data to BPS and they are working together to act on the data more efficiently. She further noted that her participation at this cross-sector table has given her useful insight to bring to Transdev. She is working on the ground level to engage management and maintain positive relationships. Mario, the new Operations Manager, has been tasked with forecasting likely challenges for the summer in order to better plan solutions. **Mark** emphasized that addressing driver no shows during the summer routes is a top priority for charter schools.

ACTION ITEMS

Roudcha will reach out to the APR ED about finding a solution to their pick up time issues.

Rachel will check with MCPSA and report back any changes to expected charter enrollment.