



School Climate Survey Committee Meeting
10:30a-12p | Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Bolling Building 5-30

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on February 14, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Cassandra Cumberlander** (CPLAN), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluation Coordinator, Office of Engagement, BPS), **Elsa Flores** (CPLAN), **Lisa Harvey** (Deputy Dir. of Evaluation and Programs, BPS), **Brit Johnson** (CPLAN), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Director, CPLAN), **Donna Muncey**, (Deputy Supt. of Strategy), **Monica Roberts** (Assist. Supt. of Engagement, BPS), **Jake Stearn** (Office of Data & Accountability, BPS), **Allison Tyler** (Data Specialist, Bridge Boston)

Members Absent: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Director, Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Nicole Wagner Lam** (Director of Data & Accountability, BPS), **Annie (Cervin) Smith** (Dir. of Data, Catholic Schools Office)

Others Present: **Rachel Weinstein** (Boston Compact), **Elise Swinford** (Boston Compact)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

January meeting minutes approved.

UPDATES

Updates on school participation: 12/15 charter schools are participating across multiple campuses (Brooke and Codman are no's), all 125 BPS schools are participating, and currently 7/22 Catholic schools have agreed to participate.

Brit Johnson expressed concerns about low Catholic school participation.

Julia Mejia questioned the reasoning of the two charter schools that are declining to participate, to which Alison Tyler theorized it might be due to a capacity issue.

Third Party Researcher Agreement: Suggestions for researcher candidates were made by **Jake Stearn** (EdAnalytics) and **Lisa Harvey**. The committee agreed that the Compact will drive the interview process, and **Lisa** may help.

CPLAN work: **Cassandra Cumberlander** gave an overview of some challenges they have faced with outreach, including some schools using paper versions.

Alison Tyler notified the committee that Bridge Boston gave the survey at parent-teacher conferences and got over 50% participation.

Committee members made suggestions regarding challenges: **Brit** suggested more paper options, **Cassandra** suggested parents supply iPads or laptops and help parents navigate survey, and she also suggested creating a flyer with the link. **Alison** suggested that CPLAN could help distribute paper survey at Roxbury Prep, BCCS, Bridge, and APR.

BPS reps identified their survey window as mid-March through end of the year, while charter reps identified March 28-May 23rd as their survey window.

Brit expressed interest in heading up outreach to the Catholic sector and reminded the committee that Catholic Schools Week in February 2019 will be an important outreach opportunity next year.

UPDATES

CPLAN discussed their outreach plan: parents will cover at least 6 BPS schools. There is a need for a middle- and high school push, as well as a push to target historically low participation schools. The current goal is 30% participation for statistical validation. CPLAN will map and determine outreach for charters schools, and advise Alison on how she can help. CPLAN will target lowest participating schools where they have connections. They will use #takethesurvey on social media.

ACTION ITEMS

CPLAN will determine best outreach strategy based on CPLAN member connections, geographical region, and greatest necessity.