



SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
10-11a | Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Conference Call

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on April 3, 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), **Ellen McDonough** (Mgr of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), **Shanda Roberts** (Assist. Dir. of Ops, BPS), **Roudcha Serizier** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **Delavern Stanislaus** (Dir. of Transportation, BPS), **Angela Zhang** (BPS Transportation)

Members Absent: **Tchad Cort** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **Ali Dutson** (Principal, Mission Grammar), **Peter Crossan** (Fleet & Compliance Mgr, BPS), **Will Eger** (Strategic Projects Mgr Finance, BPS), **John Hanlon** (COO, BPS), **Kevin Taylor** (ED, City on a Hill), **Shannah Varón** (ED, Boston Collegiate & Chair, BCA)

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

ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

February minutes were approved with revisions.

UPDATES

Charter school pick up/ drop off times:

BPS has received inquiries from charter schools about the possibility of changing bus times. Dynamic Ideas is beginning to run scenarios now to see if changing times will be possible. **Mark Loring** emphasized that BCA schools are eager for dismissal times to better align with bus pick up. **Del Stanislaus** will discuss this with John Hanlon and follow up.

Transportation handbook:

Del reported that it is still in progress, but hopes to circulate it by August 1st.

Enrollment data transfer:

BPS reported that they are still waiting on information from several schools. BPS and **Mark** will each send a reminder to schools.

Summer/ fall bid:

Angela Zhang confirmed that charter schools will be a part of the summer bid and then the fall bid.

Operations deadlines:

Roudcha Serizier confirmed upcoming deadlines with charter ops shortly after last month's committee meeting. **Del** will send out a calendar of important dates to the charter network by the end of week.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Citing a recent miscommunication among BPS offices and charter school ops, **Angela** asked for clarification on how communication works through the Compact to charter schools. **Rachel Weinstein** described the role of Compact staff as convening the table. **Mark** explained his role as advisory, emphasizing that the onus remains on BPS to communicate with charter ops on their process. Rachel suggested that **Roudcha** can consult with Mark in the future about how best to communicate changes to charter ops.

Angela announced that BPS will eventually fully migrate to the Aspen program, which may make it possible for charters to opt in to using the messenger service to contact families about late busses. Further conversation is necessary to determine eligibility.

ACTION ITEMS

Del will discuss realigning bus and bell times with John Hanlon and report back.

BPS and **Mark** will each send a reminder to schools who have not yet sent in enrollment data.

Del will send out a calendar of important dates to the charter network by the end of the week.