

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
10-11:30a | Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Bolling Building Room 4-43

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on June 26, 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 Williams** (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), **Peter Crossan** (Fleet & Compliance Mgr., BPS), **Ali Dutson** (Principal, Mission Grammar), **Ellen McDonough** (Mgr. of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS)

Others present: **Erica Betts** (Transportation Customer Service Manager), **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff)

ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS

May meeting summary was approved with revisions.

UPDATES

2019-20 routing: **Angela Zhang** reported that Dynamic Ideas is running ahead of last year and that they have a good plan in place for the summer.

Aspen migration: BPS Transportation is still working with BPS Technology to get data to Transportation. The system migration is causing delays, but nothing major.

APR bell time alignment: **Delavern Stanislaus** followed up with their ED to communicate that Transportation can adjust the morning time but not the afternoon time. They are continuing the conversation on coordinating early dismissal times.

Driver challenges: **Del** noted that while there are usually open routes after the summer bid, this year there are none, so all routes are currently locked in. There is also a stronger standby driver pool than years past. While driver attendance in the summer is always a concern, BPS is working on strengthening the summer standby list, and they have agreed to hire more standby and permanent drivers. **Del** also plans to look at attendance data from last year to anticipate this summer's absences. **Mark Loring** requested that more be done with last year's data to make sure the standby pool is sufficient each day.

Fall bid concerns: **Del** is working to identify bidding drivers earlier to plan for their absence and have coverage in place.

Work calendar: July 1st is the official date that rosters should be verified. Though this is still in progress, **Roudcha Serizier** will follow up with BPS Technology to see if they can pull data for verification anyway. **Del** will communicate information about the Extended School Year to charters soon.

EMERGENT ISSUES

BPS Transportation noted that the Charlestown bus yard is closing and busses will be routed from Reedville and Freeport; this should not have a significant impact on routing.

BPS Transportation has purchased 75 new 12-person and wheelchair-accessible busses, while also decreasing the big bus fleet. This should help accommodate students with IEPs.

Del introduced the new Transportation Customer Service Manager, **Erica Betts**. Her focus will be on follow up with the parent hotline and the principal call line. She is not managing monitors, but the monitor manager can be invited to the next committee meeting.

BPS noted that all charters will receive M7 passes in August and communication about this in progress.

ACTION ITEMS

Elise Swinford will add the troubleshooting team set up and goals to July's committee meeting.

Del will invite the monitor manager to the next transportation meeting.

Roudcha will follow up with BPS Technology to see if they can pull enrollment data for verification in July.