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OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

3 – 4p | Thursday, February 4, 2016

via Phone

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Operations Subcommittee meeting held on February 4, 2016. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Jim Walsh** (Associate Superintendent for Finance and Planning, Archdiocese of Boston), **Karmala Sherwood** (Executive Director, Davis Leadership Academy), **Nnenna Ude** (Executive Director of Network Operations, Match Charter Public School), **Ramón Soto** (Director of External Relations and Opportunity Gap Initiatives, City of Boston)

Members Absent: **Kim Rice** (Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Boston Public Schools), **Nicole Dorn** (Chief Operating and Financial Operator, UP Education Network), **Carleton Jones** (Executive Director for Facilities), **Diana Lam** (Head of School, Conservatory Lab Charter School), **Lynne Moony Teta** (Headmaster, Boston Latin School), **Jonathan Steketee** (Director of Transportation)

Others Present: **Mary Tamer** (BCA Staff), **Kegan Smith** (Compact Staff), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact Staff)

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Staff discussed the transition of the subcommittee structure from quarterly, in person meetings to bi-monthly phone check-ins for this spring semester. As explained, much of the work underneath the subcommittee's charge—enrollment, transportation, and human capital—is taking place in other venues. The calls will allow members to continue to build relationships and address emergent issues.

The subcommittee heard an update on the Compact's Diversity Career Fair that included the event structure and anticipated attendance. Members also discussed concerns regarding unified enrollment. First, the citywide status of schools with unique programming was discussed. Second, members discussed the catchment area for schools with multiple, distant campuses. The subcommittee heard the status of such schools under the existing BPS home-based system and discussed how that might apply under unified enrollment.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Charter school representatives explained that previous changes to transportation policies had caused a number of students to miss or transfer schools. The subcommittee discussed how it might better address these issues for the 2016-17 school year. Members agreed



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upon the need for a family-friendly document detailing 1) the status of yellow bus transportation for middle school students and 2) the process and timeline for obtaining an MBTA transportation bus waiver. Staff will ask BPS to create this document prior to charter school lotteries in March.

ACTION ITEMS

- Staff will coordinate with Jonathan to discuss the feasibility of creating a transportation information flyer for parents by the beginning of charter school lotteries.