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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9:30-11a | Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Bruce C. Bolling Building 6-55

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact Transportation Committee meeting held on March 28, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: **Erica Brown** (Chief of Policy & Practice, MCPSA), **Peter Crossan** (Fleet and Compliance Manager, BPS), **Will Eger** (Strategic Projects Manager – Finance, BPS), **Charles Grandson** (Deputy Chief Operations Officer, BPS), **Mark Loring** (Director of Network Operations, Brooke Charter Schools), **Shanda Roberts** (Transportation Officer, BPS), **Delavern Stanislaus** (Transportation Customer Service Manager, BPS), **Shannah Varón** (Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School and Chair, BCA), **Lina Musayev** (Capacity Building Network Managing Director, MCPSA), **John Roderick** (Transportation Director, BPS)

Members Absent: **Turah Dorsey** (Chief of Education, City of Boston), **John Hanlon** (Chief Operations Officer, BPS), **Morgan McDaniel** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston), **Ellen McDonough** (Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), **Tabitha Redding** (Vice Principal, Mission Grammar)

Others Present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff), **Max Wright** (BCA Fellow)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The January minutes were approved with minor revisions. **Rachel Weinstein** introduced **John Roderick** as the new BPS Transportation Director.

UPDATES

Data sharing and communications: **Erica Brown** and **Will Eger** provided updates on improved data sharing between BPS and the charter sector. They created a timeline for charters to finalize their enrollment list earlier. MCSPA and BCA have been in conversation about a feature that would allow school leaders to identify multiple acceptances by students and reach out to their families to explain the benefits of singular school enrollment before the final enrollment deadline. This will allow schools to work through waitlists faster. BPS representatives explained the incentives for early decisions by families. **Mark Loring** referenced the work task calendar in progress that will help facilitate this process.

Data sharing and SAS report: **Shanda Roberts** broached an issue regarding the “Students Attending School” report. DESE informed charters that they may not fill it out in its current format, and BPS reps responded that they will revise the form for charters to reflect DESE’s concerns. MCPSA recommended that this form be approved by DESE before being implemented. **Will** and **John** will address this with the BPS IT Department. **Shannah** requested that these processes be added to the shared task calendar. BPS expressed enthusiasm about this collaborative work with DESE and MCPSA to help reduce costs and improve the bus routing process for all students

Update: **John Roderick** noted that the contract with Transdev will be extended for one year. BPS noted that they are working daily with Transdev to improve performance.

Catholic schools: update tabled until Tabitha or Ali is present.

Charter transportation innovation pilot: BCA representatives updated the committee on progress with the pilot. The pilot will be aimed at streamlining transportation for students who are outliers. **Will** has identified 37-38 geographical outlying students, but added that the pilot will likely start with 10-20 students (noting that the pilot is not suitable for students with physical disabilities or those who need monitors for now).

Rachel asked the committee if we should schedule an April meeting, a suggestion the committee affirmed.

BCA reps requested a point person at BPS to advise them on the transportation innovation pilot. BPS reps noted that the pilot deserves careful consideration, and that it is good to start small.

EMERGENT ISSUES

Snow days: **John** announced that BPS is extending the school year to June 28th. BCA noted that many charters are submitting amendments not to hold class the chartered numbers of days, and instead maintain the original schedule. **Will** suggested that for added days on the charter calendar, it would be beneficial to stagger school session times.

ACTION ITEMS

Elise will schedule a Transportation Committee meeting in April.

Shanda will bring a list of exceptional charter days to discuss at the April meeting.

John and Will will talk to the BPS IT Department.

BPS will determine a point person to communicate with charter reps about the innovation pilot.