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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9:30 – 10:30a | Monday, April 24, 2017

BPS Bolling Building, Room 4-43

Presented are minutes from the School Transportation Committee held on Monday April 24, 2017. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.BostonCompact.org or email info@BostonCompact.org.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **John Hanlon** (Chief Operations Officer, BPS), **Will Eger** (Strategic Projects Manager – Finance, BPS), **Jonathan Steketee** (Director of Transportation, BPS), **Makeeba McCreary** (Managing Director & Senior Advisor, BPS), **Aviran Sethi** (BROAD Resident – Special Education/Finance, BPS), **Erika Giampietro** (Special Assistant to the Superintendent, BPS), **Marianne Regan** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston), **Erica Brown** (Chief of Policy & Practice, Massachusetts Charter Public School Association), **Shannah Varón** (Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School and Chair, Boston Charter Alliance), **Turah Dorsey** (Chief of Education, City of Boston)

Others Present: **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff), **Natasha Maughan** (Compact staff)

COMMITTEE CHARGE

Staff reviewed how the Compact has historically addressed transportation challenges and why there was a need for this committee. The group refined language for the Committee's charge, namely:

Boston Compact partners share an interest in directing the maximum possible funds to students' education. To that end, our Transportation Committee reviews data and develops recommendations regarding equitable, reliable and efficient transportation for district, charter and Catholic school leadership to consider. The Committee oversees the process(es) employed when any one sector wants to make transportation changes that will impact any other sector(s).

BPS PRESENTATION

Will gave a presentation on data collected by the BPS Transportation Department on the use of the school buses in and beyond the district.

Shannah commented that the presentation was very useful and could help demonstrate to the charter sector the need for changes. Erica Brown added that the charter sector wants to work out how to utilize transportation more effectively and invited the BPS to make the same presentation at a Boston Charter Alliance meeting.

BPS staff also will make a similar presentation to the Catholic school principals in Boston.



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POINTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Will outlined BPS' hackathon effort to improve transportation. Phase I of the process will cover the efficiency, reliability and automation of transportation within the district. Phase II will be adjusting the start times for all schools for the 2018-19 school year.

Other areas BPS is addressing include:

- Routing solutions that could save time and money
- Feedback from families on their priorities
- Agreeing and documenting processes for transportation changes across sectors. For example, how do we standardize when a charter school requests reimbursement from the state? How do we solve for schools that have fewer riders and disproportionate costs?

The group discussed how to maximize family participation across charter and Catholic schools in two transportation-related surveys BPS is administering.

ACTION ITEMS

- BPS representatives will present the data to the BCA meeting on May 10, 2017.
- BPS representatives will work with the Archdiocese to schedule a time to meet Catholic school principals.
- Compact staff will schedule meetings for 2017-2018, specifically a 2-hour meeting in June to review a draft transportation Standard Operating Procedure, monthly meetings from September 2017 – November 2017, and bimonthly meetings until June 2018.