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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

10-11:30a | Thursday, June 29, 2017

BPS Bolling Building, Room 6-55

Presented are minutes from the School Transportation Committee held on Thursday, June 29, 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), **Erika Giampietro** (Special Assistant to the Superintendent, BPS), **Erica Brown** (Chief of Policy & Practice, Massachusetts Charter Public School Association), **Kevin Taylor** (Chief Operations Officer, KIPP MA), **Ellen McDonough** (Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, BPS), **Morgan McDaniel** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston), **Edward Pesce** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston)

Members Absent: **Makeeba McCreary** (Managing Director & Senior Advisor, BPS), **Aviran Sethi** (BROAD Resident – Special Education/Finance, BPS), **Marianne Regan** (Office of Budget Management, City of Boston), **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)

QUICK BUSINESS

Committee Members introduced themselves. They reviewed and approved the meeting summary from April.

DEVELOPING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR CROSS-SECTOR TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

John shared an update on the district's Transportation Challenge, noting that the MIT team has made amazing progress with the routing efficiencies that are the focus of phase I. Phase II will include balancing school start times to be more cost efficient.

BPS staff outlined their hope that all Compact schools (district, charter and Catholic) could agree upon a process and structure for schools making changes to their bell times and transportation plans. The aim is to keep costs down and direct more funding into classrooms.

Acknowledging that agreeing to and implementing a shared structure for transportation decisions will take at least months, the group discussed the length of time between a school alerting the district that it wants to change times and the proposed change taking effect. Members also explored existing and potential incentives for door-to-door versus corner bus stops.

POINTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- How to address schools that have fewer than ten riders (who are disproportionately expensive)
- Mitigating the cost of extended school years

ACTION ITEMS

- Compact staff will schedule a Committee meeting in August, hopefully adding one or two Catholic school leaders to the group.
- BPS will digest feedback from today's conversation and bring new thoughts in August.