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Joint Board Consortium
Public Session
Electronic Meeting
York Region District School Board
York Catholic District School Board
October 18, 2023
4:00 p.m.

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- Trustee R. Lynn - YR
- Trustee N. Mahmood - YR
- Trustee F. Alexander - YC
- Trustee J. DiMeo - YC

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 - May 10, 2023

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**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YRDSB)
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 4:04 p.m.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg, R. Lynn and N. Mahmood

YRDSB Staff: J. Fair

YCDSB Trustees: F. Alexander, J. DiMeo, A. Grella and T. McNicol

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, T. Pechovsky and J. Sarna

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YRDSB Trustee N. Mahmood

Recording Officer: L. Toniutti

CALL TO ORDER

YRDSB Trustee N. Mahmood called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared by trustees at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(*)1. Moved by J. Di Meo, seconded by R. Lynn:

That the agenda be approved as written.

- Carried -

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(*)2. Moved by F. Alexander, seconded by J. Di Meo:

That the minutes of the March 1, 2023 Joint Board Consortium Public Session meeting be approved as written.

- Carried -

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

There were no decision items at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Funding Model Review Update

Interim Manager, STSYR N. Smith provided an update on the Ministry of Education's changes to the Student Transportation Grant. N. Smith highlighted that the Ministry is implementing a new funding framework in the 2023-24 school year, consisting of three allocations:

- Transportation Services Allocation;
- School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation; and
- Transportation to Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation.

Administration will continue to review the changes. The boards will then conduct a collaborative, simultaneous review of their respective transportation policies accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

(*)3. Moved by L. Hoeg, seconded by J. Di Meo:

That the Joint Board Consortium Meeting Public Session adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

- Carried -

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium

FROM: Administration

DATE: October 18th, 2023

SUBJECT: September 2023 Start-Up Report

Executive Summary:

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) provides an annual report to the Joint Board Consortium, summarizing the September Start-up process.

Background:

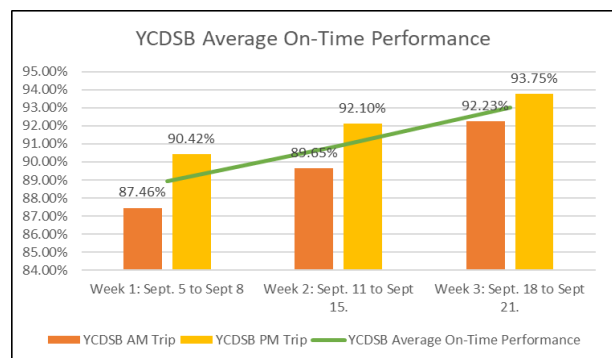
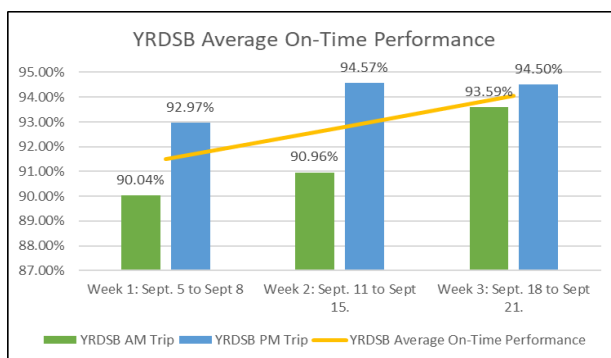
The September Start Up period experienced service successes along with a few challenges due to the ongoing province-wide driver shortage, as well as traffic and construction projects.

On-time Service Delivery:

Weekly on-time service delivery improved in terms of both the total number of reported delays and their severity. The average weekly on-time performance increased from approximately 89% to 93% throughout the start-up period.

Period	YRDSB			YCDSB		
	AM Trip	PM Trip	Average On-Time Performance	AM Trip	PM Trip	Average On-Time Performance
Week 1: Sept. 5 to Sept 8	90.04%	92.97%	91.51%	87.46%	90.42%	88.94%
Week 2: Sept. 11 to Sept 15.	90.96%	94.57%	92.77%	89.65%	92.10%	90.88%
Week 3: Sept. 18 to Sept 21.	93.59%	94.50%	94.05%	92.23%	93.75%	92.99%

*On-time performance is measured on the run level. STSYR monitors route delays on a daily basis to assess service levels.



The number of excessive delays lasting more than 30 minutes decreased during the start-up period. Over this time, the proportion of excessive service delays showed improvement, decreasing from 10% of total reported delays to 7%.

Province-wide Driver Challenges:

School bus operators throughout the province continue to experience challenges in hiring and retaining drivers. For the 2023-24 school year, the Ministry of Education announced changes to the Student Transportation Grant. As part of these changes, the ministry's administration of the Driver Retention Program has been discontinued.

Traffic and Construction:

Increased traffic and ongoing construction projects can cause service delays for school bus routes. As our school bus vendors report concerns related to these factors, STSYR staff make the required routing adjustments to ensure on-time service.

Summary:

STSYR staff diligently worked in collaboration with our school bus and taxi vendors to address and resolve service concerns. While service delivery improved since the beginning of the school year, staff continue to strive for optimal service delivery for the students of York Region.

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium

FROM: Administration

DATE: October 18th, 2023

SUBJECT: Student Transportation Enhanced Ministry Reporting

Executive Summary:

This report intends to provide the Joint Board Consortium with an update on the Ministry of Education's enhanced reporting requirements for the 2023-24 school year.

Background:

In April 2023, the Ministry of Education unveiled changes to the Student Transportation Grant. To ensure the success of the new funding framework, the ministry has introduced enhanced reporting requirements for the 2023-24 school year.

Enhanced Ministry Reporting:

The enhanced reporting requirements under the new Student Transportation Framework are designed to provide the ministry with deeper insights into the utilization of funds by school boards, consortia, and operators in delivering transportation services to students. For the 2023-24 school year, the ministry has outlined the following reporting requirements:

1. Reports Based on Actual Transportation

- Routing Actuals Reports
- Reference Information Reports
- Daily Cancellation Report

2. Reports Based on Common Reference Standards

- Routing Simulation Reports

3. Financial Reports

- Financial Information Report

The ministry has not confirmed all the details regarding these reporting requirements. Further information will be shared by the ministry at a later date.

Summary:

Administration continues to review the revisions to the Student Transportation Framework. STSYR staff will develop internal processes to ensure all reporting requirements are met per the ministry's guidelines.