

Agenda
Joint Board Consortium
Electronic Meeting
York Catholic District School Board
York Region District School Board
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
4:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. Approval of Minutes
 - May 11, 2022

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DECISION ITEMS

- Nil

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. September 2022 Start-Up Report
2. Transportation Funding Review Update
(verbal report)

N. Smith

C. Tupchong

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ADJOURNMENT

York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)
York Region District School Board (YRDSB)

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

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

YRDSB Trustees: L. Gilbert, A. Tam, E. Terrell and Student Trustee B. Yu

YRDSB Staff: J. Fair

YCDSB Trustees: R. Cantisano, E. Crowe, T. McNicol

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, T. Pechovsky, D. Scuglia

STSYR Staff: C. Tupchong, N. Smith, L. Toniutti

Presiding: T. McNicol

Recording Officer: S. Infanti

Regrets: YRDSB Director of Education L. Sirisko
YCDSB Associate Director of Education E. Pivato

CALL TO ORDER

YCDSB Chair T. McNicol called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(*)1. Moved by E. Crowe, seconded by R. Cantisano:

That the agenda be approved as written.

- Carried -

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

YCDSB Chair T. McNicol asked any trustee who has a direct personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter being discussed during the meeting to state their conflict and the nature thereof. No conflicts were declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(*)2. Moved by E. Crowe, seconded by L. Gilbert:

That the minutes of the March 2, 2022 Joint Board Consortium Public Session meeting be approved as written.

- Carried -

BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

STSYR Service Update

Assistant Manager, Student Transportation Services, N. Smith provided a year-to date vendor service performance report for Student Transportation Services of York Region. N. Smith noted excellent vendor service has occurred throughout the year. When service deficiencies arose, staff worked quickly with vendors to resolve them. While challenges generated by the pandemic resulted in driver shortages and service interruptions in other jurisdictions, N. Smith confirmed that while driver shortages did occur in York Region, service interruptions were avoided through staff and vendor collaboration.

2022-2023 Transportation Budget

Manager, Student Transportation Services C. Tupchong, provided a report on the 2022-2022 budget preparations based on the following factors;

- no additional staff requirements,
- fuel cost fluctuations,
- cost increases due to contractual obligations,
- increased service needs for students based on program, and
- routing efficiencies.

C. Tupchong reviewed that each Board is responsible for approving their own transportation budget and that Consortia administration and operating costs are divided in half between boards.

Student Transportation Policy Review

Manager, Student Transportation Services C. Tupchong provided a report with a cross-jurisdictional review related to distance eligibility and inclement weather zones from

surrounding school boards. C. Tupchong noted the Ministry's decision related to the review of the Student Transportation Funding Model remains unknown. She noted once the results of the survey are released each board will review their respective transportation policies.

A trustee requested staff provide board maps reflecting zone division information.

ADJOURNMENT

(*)3. Moved by L. Gilbert, seconded by R. Cantisano:

That the Joint Board Consortium Meeting Public Session adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

- Carried -

MEMO TO: Joint Board Consortium
FROM: Administration
DATE: October 19, 2022
SUBJECT: September 2022 Report

Executive Summary:

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) provides an annual report to the Joint Board Consortium which summarizes the September Start Up process.

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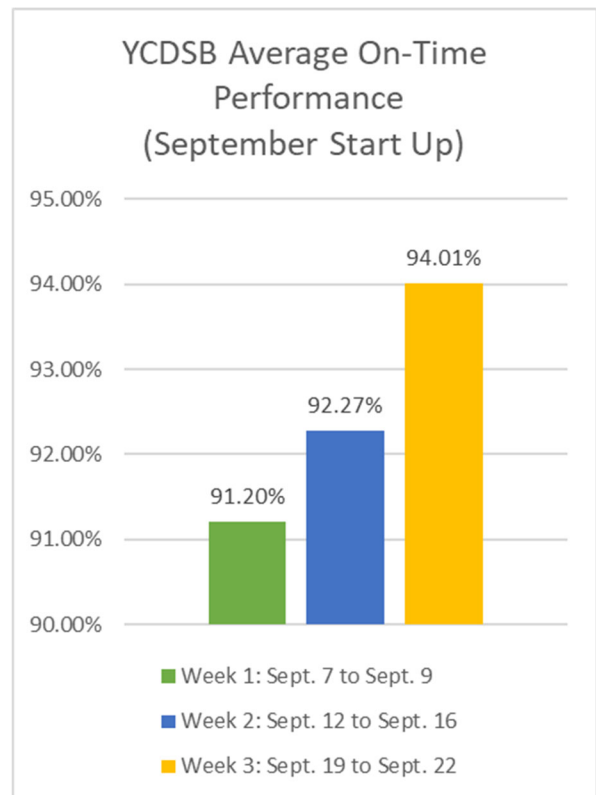
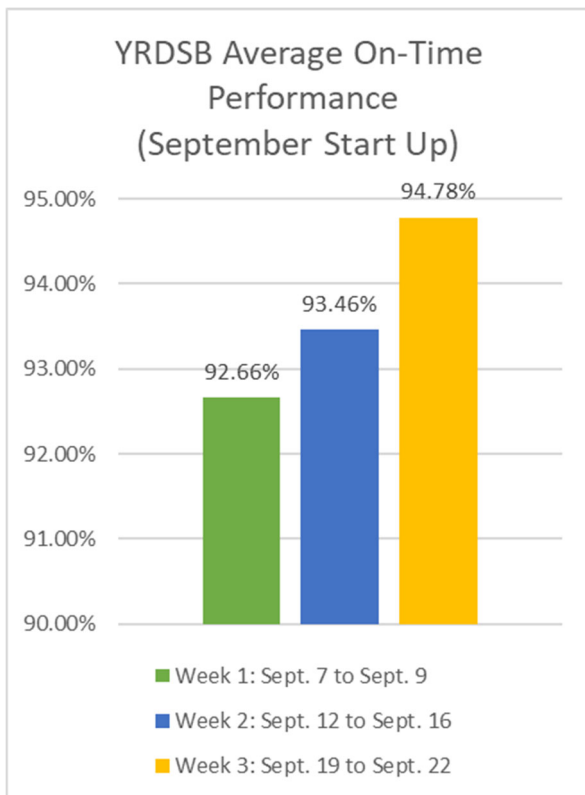
This year, September Start Up was marked with many service successes along with a few challenges related to the continued province-wide driver shortages and traffic and construction delays.

On-Time Vendor Performance

Operators are required to report route delays greater than ten (10) minutes. STSYR monitors route delays on a daily basis, and regularly reviews on-time performance to assess the service level.

In September, there was a weekly reduction in the number of route delays and the average weekly on-time performance improved from approximately 91% to 95% over this same period. STSYR monitors on-time service delivery, and works with its school vehicle operators to resolve recurring service delays.

Period	YRDSB			YCDSB		
	AM Trip	PM Trip	Average On-Time Performance	AM Trip	PM Trip	Average On-Time Performance
Week 1: Sept. 7 to Sept. 9	91.82%	93.50%	92.66%	89.70%	92.70%	91.20%
Week 2: Sept. 12 to Sept. 16	93.30%	93.61%	93.46%	91.51%	93.03%	92.27%
Week 3: Sept. 19 to Sept. 22	94.95%	94.60%	94.78%	93.36%	94.65%	94.01%



Note: On-time performance is calculated at the run level for each trip.

Driver Challenges

School bus operators across the province continue to experience challenges hiring and retaining drivers, particularly under the continued pandemic conditions. In recognition that the student transportation sector may be facing a greater driver shortage this year, additional funding has been set aside by the Ministry to support ongoing efforts in school bus driver recruitment and retention for the 2022-2023 school year.

Traffic and Construction

High traffic volumes and road construction continue to provide delays for school bus service. Wherever possible, staff redesign bus routes to help ensure on-time service.

Summary

While some initial service challenges occurred during September, staff worked diligently to track vendor performance and resolve service concerns. Current vendor performance data shows a marked improvement in service in a short period of time. Staff will continue to identify and resolve concerns to ensure optimal service delivery for students.