

TRANSPORTATION/ EXTRA CURRICULAR SUB-COMMITTEE
MARCH 6TH, 2008
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee members

Eric Coulter
Stefanie Carey
Dan Callahan
Neil Truman
Jeannette Neeld
Cheryl Brown
Chris Rooth

Sub-Committee

Alan Boucher
Barbara Chiles
Larry Diehl
Phil Foglesong
Ron Kerres
Chris Hagloch
Cara Ausmus
Pat Peterson

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 10 – All School Staff
AHS Auditorium 4:30pm
March 11- COT WHS
6:30 Home Ec. Rm
March 17 – Joint Board Mtg.
WHS 7pm
April 15 – Extra-Curricular
6:30 WHS LRC
Boosters invited



THINGS TO DO FOR NEXT MEETING

- ❖ Phil getting lists of Westmer bus routes
- ❖ Checking on Liability of possible student help in bus garage (part of class)

Transportation

- ❖ Planned tentative work to prepare consolidated bus routes.
- ❖ Final plans will have to be made when decisions regarding facilities are final
- ❖ Westmer owns all buses, Aledo uses Johannes Bus service.
- ❖ New District plans to eliminate Johannes bus service
- ❖ Finance committee budgeted in 11 buses for consolidation. (2 spares)
- ❖ New District 379 sq. miles
- ❖ Fuel contracted

Westmer

9 bus routes
2 pre-k / ECE (mini buses)
1 to Quad Cities

Aledo

9 bus routes
1 to Monmouth PASS
1 to Quad Cities

- ❖ Computer program available to map out routes and bus drop offs/ pick ups
- ❖ Very expensive (\$10,000)
- ❖ Takes months to utilize – not planning on this at this time
- ❖ Handouts on Leasing as opposed to buying
- ❖ Leasing looks to be the best option
- ❖ Pay 1/5 of a new bus (75-90% reimbursed from State)
- ❖ Lease 5 buses for the price of one new
- ❖ Still under warranty during lease
- ❖ Reimbursement from state comes one year later
- ❖ 65-71 passenger buses are ideal
- ❖ Do not cost any more than minis
- ❖ More flexibility
- ❖ Possible Activity routes discussed – maybe charge fee
- ❖ Aledo routes were handed out
- ❖ Phil is planning to work out Westmer routes on paper with his drivers for next meeting
- ❖ Pre-k routes should stay the same
- ❖ Alan mentioned need for Transportation Secretary
- ❖ Possible use of building sec'y part time in bus barn
- ❖ Especially with this many buses
- ❖ Need radios in all buses (cost is \$300.00 ea.)

Pay

- ❖ Westmer drivers (senior drivers)
- ❖ \$18.95 / hr.
- ❖ Trips figured differently
- ❖ Type 75 needed to evaluate bus drivers – duty needs to be given to principals

Bus drivers

- ❖ Need refresher course every year
- ❖ Physicals and test every year (very expensive)

Extra Curriculum

- ❖ IHSA has new “Bass Fishing” as sport available
- ❖ Booster clubs would dissolve after consolidation
- ❖ Possible auction for trophies and plaques – go to new booster club
- ❖ **Meeting scheduled with Boosters – April 15th 6:30 WHS LRC**