

Meeting Minutes – School Busing Committee Meeting

Location: Online - Zoom
Date: April 26, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

In Attendance: Amber Hirsch, Sheri Graham, Karen Clyde, Megan Freese,
Chris Hanlin, Amy Fry, Akhil Mohan.

Agenda Items:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approve Agenda
4. Circulate/Approve February 15/22 Meeting Minutes
5. Approve Terms of Reference
6. General review of each school's transportation issues
7. Registration Sheet Review/Dates/Route Timeline
8. School Bus Review
9. Set next meeting date/time
10. Adjourn

Introduction: Members of the school busing committee are introduced, and Amber hosts the meeting.

Terms of Reference: Committee members were agreed with the TOR and approved.

Dept. of Edu is agreed to do secretary function for doing meeting minutes. School busing committee meetings will take place three times a year.

General discussion about Schools pick up/ drop off locations:

- Pick up's and drop offs, public parking and signage's are moving smoothly on HFES. City is working on adding a round-about on basswood and Wann rd.

Roles & Tasks:

Akhil Mohan will take on the task of taking meeting minutes.

Department Update and committee feedback on registration forms/Dates/ Route timeline:

- Addition of Text/Email notification fields in the form, where users can opt out if they do not wish to receive delay/cancellation notifications.

- A special request column has been added to registration forms. All special requests are to be emailed to student transportation email address.
- Registration forms timeline from May 15 till June 20 and by July 26 route finalization.
- Dept. of Edu is still working on online registration forms for 2022-23 School year.
- Dept. of Edu will advertise on social media regarding the registration process.
- Will send the registration forms to all committee members by email for further review and feedback with a deadline.
- We are working with the City to implement the Token transit app pass for the start of the 2022/23 school year. Paper passes would be provided for those who do not have a cell phone.

Suggestion: Committee want to invite the rural school communities to be a part of the School busing committee.

School bus safety/ Taskforce and pilot projects

- School bus safety task force suggest the following safety measures with Stop-arm/infraction cameras, extended stop arms, exterior perimeter visibility systems and automatic emergency braking.
- Transport Canada is collaborating with BC gov, City of Sudbury to carry out seat belt pilot projects to assess the operational considerations associated with the use of three-point seatbelts on six school buses.
- Even though Covid has impacted the task force and pilot projects, their pre-consultations have already taken place and publications of the proposal is intended for mid-2022.
- Committee members were agreed to have the extended arm to be very effective in Yukon.
- Education to reach out to Standard to get their thoughts on the Taskforce and recommendations and determine current arm length on buses.
- Dept. of Edu confirmed that all the Standard buses operating currently are adhere to the present Transport Canada safety regulations.
- Dept. of Edu have provided 4 dash cams for strengthening the school bus safety in standard bus.
- Dept. of Edu has added that Transport Canada will most likely to have this safety measures to be added to the new buses.
- Transport Canada will continues its efforts to advance the research and assessment of the safety measures.

Meeting invitation: End of August

Next Meeting: Mid-September 2022

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm
