

Transportation Meeting

February 15, 2022

Zoom Meeting/ 6:10 pm.

In Attendance: Amber Hirsch, Carly Carruthers, Sheri Graham, Karen Clyde, Megan Freese, Chris Hanlin, Lori Choquette, Amy Fry.

Terms of Reference: It was decided that Committee members would look through the TOR and get back to Amber via email with any changes or questions. (4 weeks to get back to her)

Adoption of February 2021 minutes:

Moved by Megan seconded by Amber. **Carried.**

Roles & Tasks:

Lori Choquette will take on the task of taking meeting minutes.

Department Update:

- Chris reported that the cancellations has proven to be challenging. Standard has been experiencing 15-20% labor shortage at times.
- We are committed to a registration process.
- Already procured software cas Bus Planner. New license and training starts in April
- We will be seeking software that would be compatible with our Aspen system, so when you register for school you are registered for bussing.
- On-line registration for the coming year is still up in the air. Should have an update by the April meeting
- Standard has made management changes at local level and are still seeking replacement.
- They have requested copies of our Transportation Policies (Education Act)
- Semester passes have not been successful. We are working with the City to create an App pass for the semester for the start of the 2022/23 school year. Paper passes would be provided for those who do not have a cell phone.
- **Chris H. to provide an update on the registration process at next meeting, including options for the form.**

Roundtable:

- Request that EWES Bell schedule be shared with EET.* **Chris to take note.**
- How long is Standard contract in place? * **They are in year 1 of a 3- year contract.**
- There still seems to be Communication delays. ***My Bus Monitor*** seems to be only as good as the driver input. **Suggestion: * Perhaps include this as part of next contract.**
- When busses are late or cancelled and parents drive their children to school are they entitled to stipend for doing so? **The Student Transportation Regulations state: *Where a student resides more than 3.2 kilometers by the nearest passable road from the school he or she attends and resides more than 3.2 kilometers from the nearest loading point or bus route, the Department of Education shall pay a transportation allowance for transporting the student to the loading point.*** This would not include unscheduled cancellation of a route for operational reasons.
- Goldenhorn quite happy, no real issues. Attendance sheets and assigned seating, we should know who is on the bus each day.
- The combining of routes is still a concern. * **Chris to take a look and try to minimize.**
- Selkirk had concerns that seating plan not being used and should employ a bus monitor.
***Chris explained that Standard's seating plan is K-3 in front of the bus, older students at the back of bus. As well, Standard offers "Bus Boot Camp" coming to schools to help teach students on bus etiquette.**

Next Meeting date: April 26, 2022

6:00 pm

Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm