

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
4-5-22 Transportation Sub Committee Minutes
Held in the library
Approved

School Board member: Caitlin Gelinas and Sandra Taliaferro
In attendance: SAU Assistant Superintendent Anne Kebler
Bus drivers: Kelley Bushman, Jennifer Goldthwaite and Heather Dube
Audience: Relf Fogg

Mrs. Gelinas opened the meeting at 5:00.

Mrs. Taliaferro will be Chairman of this sub committee.

Update on Bus Driver Training

The two drivers will be going to CDL training. Mrs. Goldthwaite explained the process.

Annual Training

The annual training is eight hours for current drivers and ten hours for new drivers. Tim Eldridge will offer four hours of training and will find opportunities for the rest of the annual training.

Bus Driver Roster and Student Roster Updates

Mrs. Dube will give her roster to Mrs. Kebler. Mrs. Bushman has the red bus and 63 students. Mrs. Bushman said that Jen Hayward created the spreadsheet at the beginning of the year and it is updated by the drivers throughout the year.

Consultation with Tim Eldridge

Assess status of bus maintenance, Review driver reports, Provide advice as needed
Mr. Eldridge will go over the routes using students names and addresses. We will have seven drivers and Mr. Eldridge will come up with a plan. He will also assess maintenance needs and maintenance schedules. He will also review the drivers records.

Mrs. Bushman said one of the buses needs a pump. This bus is under warranty and there is no spare bus right now. We have 9 big buses, 3 small buses. We are down to 5 large buses and one of the small buses has a problem. Mrs. Kebler will call Mr. Ed Diprizio. Mrs. Bushman said that bus #21 needs a radio and needs to be jump started. Mrs. Gelinas asked why there are now bus problems when recently we were told that we have 10 buses and they were in great shape? Mr. Fogg said that Transportation was told to start and move buses once a week. He said the more they move the better. Sitting is not good for them. Mrs. Gelinas wants a schedule worked out to move buses and drivers switching buses out. Mrs. Taliaferro suggested magnetic signs with numbers to stick on buses so students will see the numbers.

Co-Leader Updates

Mrs. Bushman said we are trying to work together to get it done. She also suggested teaching the students walker safety, walking against traffic not with traffic. Mr. Gavel was not present to give a report.

Mrs. Kebler said there is a new process for background checks. Certifications will go through the DOE.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next Transportation Sub-Committee meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary