

Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: January 6, 2011
Location: Transportation Garage

I. Welcome and Introductions: Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. Committee Members

II. Review , Change of and approval of Minutes from previous Meeting.

- A. On page 2, “Dr. Caron advised 365” (from 360)
- B. Eliminate bullet containing recommendations about staff cuts. This is Pam’s call and not a scope of the committee. Staffing is beyond the committee, we just make recommendations in regards to routes.

III. Brief review of Hazardous Route Study and options for recommendations for presentation to the Board of Education

- A. Dr. Caron reminds the committee that we are making recommendations based on information we have from Pam Maszurek. We can’t predict or plan for various options.
 - a. It looks as though the 3 areas are the primary ones needed to be discussed.
 - b. Partially out of our control because Hazardous Determined Routes are deemed by the state
 - c. Impacts 222 Covington Knolls families
 - d. 35 families at Old Quarry will be impacted
 - e. Covington Knolls currently has 3 routes
 - f. Needs to be balanced at the Old Quarry side
 - g. Optimization of street routes will get us down to 19 buses/routes
 - h. If illuminated, 255 kids have to be transported to school. They will no longer qualify for busing
 - i. Need to recommend to Board number of routes to determine equipment for next year. Pam needs to be able to put in bids soon.
 - j. 80% number goes down to 42%, but no guarantee we will get that same percentage.
 - k. Part of our funds come from local sources and that won’t change
 - l. \$250-300 potential loss from state
 - m. 80% was the maximum reimbursement from the state

- n. It is recommended that Jay Tovian, financial director, come to next meeting to fill in some gaps for us.
- o. Commander Tulley was curious to how percent of reimbursements are broken down (with exception to special education students)
- p. Special Education also includes students who are bused out to alternative placements

IV. New Co-Chair directed plan of presentation and future meeting requirements for such plan

- a. One recommendation would be the elimination of 3 routes
- b. Other considerations could be for parents to be offered a “pay to ride” plan (price to be determined)
- c. Perhaps cut distances between stops; would have to check to find out how much this actually saves (potential recommendation for THIS year)
- d. Reduction in equipment
- e. Can also eliminate certain routes for this year (this would save money for next year)

V. New Business for Consideration

- a. If parents have to pay a subsidy for buses, will that be reimbursed by state?
- b. Research has shown a wide range of prices for “pay to ride”. Anywhere from \$250-600 per year.
- c. Dr. Caron will ask Jay Tovian what the average amount of reimbursement over the years are.
- d. Current Recommendations will be minimal until the Board makes certain decisions
- e. Must submit agenda items on 2/9

VI. Next meeting Finalizations

- a. Pam can easily “play” with the parameters to see possible savings/options in reducing the number of stops and/or distance between stops.
- b. Eliminate non-hazardous routes (3) plus one reduction in equipment (1 spare)
- c. Pay to ride?
- d. If the Lemont Police Department can provide crossing guards on State Street, that could potentially eliminate some buses. (Commander Tulley would need numbers.) This could possibly pose a savings of \$250,000 on the East and West

sides. 3 or 4 crossing guards would be needed at a cost to the department of about \$15,000 each. He was not for sure, but he will look into this option.