

**LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL LRC
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

Administration present: Dr. Courtney Orzel, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, and Pat Crean, Director of Operations. Board Members present: David Deitemyer and Al Malley. Staff present: Ken Seiler, Kim Hayes and Colette Condon. Community Members present: Laura Pelen, D113A Parent, Angie Sojka, D113A Parent, Lori Broncato, Principal/Everest Academy, Renee Payne, Principal/St. Al's St. Pat's, Sue Cesario, Office Manager/St. Al's St. Pat's, and Shirley Tkachuk, Principal/St. Cyril's.

I. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Germany.

II. Comments from Audience

Members of the audience were invited to address the committee. No one came forward at this time.

III. Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved of the minutes from the last meeting.

IV. Discussion

A. Parochial/Private School Shuttles

Dr. Orzel gave an overview of the committee and past meeting discussions. Dr. Orzel reviewed Nonpublic Student Transportation documents. It was noted that, while there are 231 nonpublic students in the database for transportation, 98 nonpublic students never use the transportation offered. Mrs. Broncato stated that this was the first year that the families at Everest Academy really looked into the transportation option. Most families who signed up later realized that the transportation offered was not the best way to get their children to school and have since decided to not use it.

Mrs. Tkachuk stated that she felt that the mild winter this year may have played a role in the number of students who never use the transportation. If the winter were more like years past, she felt that those numbers might be different.

It was clarified that the District is legally obligated to offer transportation to nonpublic students if there is an existing route. The nonpublic student can join that route and get off at the existing stop closest to their school building. District 113A provides the shuttle service which allows nonpublic students to be bussed to Old Quarry Middle School. They will then get on a shuttle bus to their school. It was noted that the shuttle is one item up for discussion. The committee wondered if the shuttle should continue to be offered.

The shuttle service is an item of concern to all three parochial/private schools. Each school has a concern if the shuttle service is discontinued.

B. Parochial/Private School Transportation within 1.5 Miles

It was confirmed that the district is not legally required to transport nonpublic students within 1.5 miles of their school even if there is a hazardous crossing. District 113A has always done so. The committee questioned whether this should be continued since District 113A students are not transported if they live within 1.5 miles of their school but nonpublic school students are transported.

All parochial/private school representatives expressed a concern about the 1.5 mile issue.

Mrs. Broncato asked for some information on what was done when researching a pay to ride option. It was stated that the committee has looked into this but determined that it was cost prohibitive. Mrs. Broncato stated that she felt her families may be interested in a pay to ride option if the students had a shorter time on the bus.

It was clarified that the Board would not be voting on anything regarding transportation at their upcoming business meeting. The Board is adamant about positive community relations. The committee members will inform the Board of the discussions that have taken place and the concerns. Dr. Orzel will send information to the parochial/private school principals after the Board meeting and will give an update that the parochial/private school principals can send to their families.

It was confirmed that in the past, the parochial/private schools have always been invited to the Transportation Committee meetings. This practice will continue in the future.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.