

**LEMONT-BROMBEREK CSD 113A
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
LEMONT, ILLINOIS 60439
Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

Administration present: Dr. Courtney Orzel, Barbara Germany, Business Manager, Pat Crean, Director of Operations, and Therese Vejvoda, Administrative Assistant. Board Members present: David Deitemyer and Al Malley. Community Members present: Laura Pelen

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Notes from Drivers Regarding Hazardous Routes

Bus 10 has a concern at the stop at McCarthy/Steven right on the curve. The main problem is just that it is on the curve so the transportation department will look at moving the stop.

Bus 7 has a concern at the stop at Main/Walker on the SE corner. There is high grass and trees. This has been a concern for a while. The property is a private home which is sometimes vacant. Mr. Crean will try to contact the property owner regarding the problem and see if a solution can be reached.

3. Survey Results Distributed and Discussed

The committee reviewed the survey results. There were 109 responses. It was sent to everyone within the 1.5 mile radius. 65% stated that they are willing to pay for bus service. 26 said no. The willingness to pay for bus service declined as the price increased. The price for bus service will depend upon the number of families willing to pay and the number of buses needed. The comments also were discussed.

It was confirmed that this district is not required to transport any student regardless of whether they were within the 1.5 mile radius or not. The district needs to clarify some of the misconceptions that were stated in the comments. It was agreed that it would be good to send out information regarding school transportation in order to clarify some confusion.

Questions about the parochial schools came up. Parents need to understand that this relates to the distance to the school the child attends.

It was also suggested that moving forward the parents should be able to access their child's bus information (route, stop, bus number, etc.) on SDS.

Dr. Orzel reviewed the cost in area districts for pay-to-ride service. If we had two new buses, new routes and additional drivers, the estimated cost/rider would be approximately \$271-\$300 per year on the low end if all walkers participate. The committee does not anticipate 100% participation. Dr. Orzel recommended sending out a notice stating one cost per rider so long as we have a set percentage of riders participating. The information should state the number of riders needed and the costs involved. It should be asked if they would still be willing to participate. It should also be mailed and parents could have the option to do the survey by mail or online. It should be stated that the district is currently bussing students which it is required to transport. This pay-to-ride option is being discussed to help accommodate those who need it.

Dr. Orzel and Ms. Germany will prepare the information to be sent and the committee can review. It should state that the district is not trying to profit from the families in this issue, but needs to cover the costs. It will also state that buses are at full capacity and that the District cut a route this year. The new survey will have one estimated price. The survey will also have the parents

mark the grade level that their child(ren) will be going into. There can be an option to put the respondent's name. There also will be a portion which can ask where the family lives (within 0-4 blocks of the school, between 5-8 blocks, etc.).

It was asked if the parochial families were included in the initial survey. Ms. Germany said no because we do not have ways to contact the families. It was told that due to the opening of First Street in Covington Knolls, there may be a more direct route to St. Cyril's which may affect the number of parochial families who may want to participate in the pay-to-ride option. Mr. Crean will look into this.

For clarity, the District will state the minimum number needed. If less than the minimum number sign up to participate, the pay-to-ride option will be cancelled.

The cost agreed on, using an estimate in the number of participants, is \$400/rider which breaks down to approximately \$2.20 per day. The cost per rider could potentially decrease depending on the number of participants. The committee did not want to calculate a cost and then have to increase it later. The committee agreed to do a family cap (approximately \$1,000 for a family of 3).

The survey will be sent out on February 11th and results will be complete by February 20th.

4. Walk Zone Route Discussion

The District will need to revisit the St. Cyril's bus routes to determine if they still fall into the Hazardous routes.

The crossing at the easement mentioned in the last meeting is not currently in the village plans.

The safe route along 127th street is currently covered in large amounts of snow from the street. The district received a call regarding this concern. Dr. Orzel reached out to the legal counsel but because the sidewalks are not part of district property and out of our jurisdiction there is nothing we can do.

5. Traffic Control at River Valley

Mr. Crean spoke to the police department. They can have a police presence intermittently or we can enter into a contract with the police department. It was stated that Debby Lynch should be involved in this discussion. It was agreed that the traffic problem there tends to be a seasonal thing and can also depend on the day.

6. New/Old/Unfinished Business

Dr. Orzel mentioned that a community member asked if the committee can discuss the starting times at Old Quarry. It was thought that Old Quarry used to start later and now currently starts at 7:30. The current start time is due to the bus routes and that 7:30 is the latest time Old Quarry can start to allow the buses to continue on their routes to pick up for the other schools. Given the fact that we run our own transportation, the only way to adjust this would be to change the times at the other schools in the district. Also, changing the start times would affect conference sports.

7. Next Meeting Date

February 24th at 6:30.

8. Adjournment