

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION ON MONDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2016 AT THE TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE AND TECHNOLOGY (TMT) FACILITY, STONEWALL MANITOBA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SHARON BAKER (COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON), DAVID HARCUS, DARCI LOEHMER, FRAN FREDERICKSON

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

JARET THIESSEN-DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
CHRISTINE PENNER-SUPERINTENDENT
MARGARET WARD-ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

- THE FALL BUS EVACUATIONS WENT WELL. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BUS EVACUATION FOR THE GRADE 5 STUDENTS ON EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN THE SPRING 2016.
- 4 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY ALL OF THE TRANSPORTATION STAFF ON OCTOBER 23RD, 2015 AT THE DIVISION RESTITUTION SESSION. FEEDBACK ON TRAINING WAS POSITIVE AND THIS APPROACH WAS USED ON A STUDENT THAT BROKE A BUS WINDOW. THE STUDENT WAS BROUGHT TO THE MAINTENANCE GARAGE TO HELP WITH THE REPAIR OF THE WINDOW.
- THE SECOND TRANSPORTATION BUS DRIVER JOB SHARE POSITION FOR BUS ROUTE #9 WAS FILLED BY CHARLIE AMY AND BOB BAINBRIDGE

2. NEW BUSINESS

- THE BUS ROSSER ROUTE HAS BEEN ALTERED TO ACCOMMODATE THE FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS FROM ROSSER. ONE STONEWALL ROUTE WAS EXTENDED BY A COUPLE OF MILES AND IT WILL TAKE ONLY AN EXTRA FEW MINUTES TO MAKE THIS ACCOMMODATION.
- THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT HAS MADE CHANGES TO ACCOMMODATE THE INFINITY PROGRAM (TIP) STUDENT FROM TEULON. A BUS FROM TEULON AND ONE FROM BALMORAL WILL MEET TO EXCHANGE THE STUDENTS. THIS COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY HALF THE COST OF USING AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT THAT USED TO PICKUP THESE STUDENTS.
- THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS HAS REQUESTED TO REPLACE FOUR BUSES WITH NEW BUSES TO THE FLEET FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR. THERE ARE CURRENTLY SEVEN BUSES THAT ARE OVER FIFTEEN YEARS OLD AND IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE FLEET IN 15 YEARS WE WOULD NEED TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY FOUR BUSES PER YEAR.
- THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION HAS NOT HAD TO CLOSE ANY SCHOOLS THIS YEAR DUE TO THE MILD WINTER. THE BUS FLEET HAS HAD MINIMAL BATTERY/START PROBLEMS. WHEN INCLEMENT WEATHER HAPPENS IT AFFECTS THE INTERLAKE ROADS DIFFERENTLY AND THE DIVISION MAY CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EXAMPLE WOODLANDS AS OTHER HIGHWAY #6 SCHOOLS TO THE NORTH HAVE DONE.
- THE TWO EXPRESS RUNS HAVE BEEN COMBINED INTO ONE FROM ROSSER AND GROSSE ISLE THAT EXPRESS INTO WARREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

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2. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- TEULON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TEULON HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE ARE LOOKING FOR PERMISSION TO USE BUSES IN EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN. DUE TO A LACK OF INFORMATION, A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS INVESTIGATES THIS ISSUE THOROUGHLY AND REPORT BACK TO SUPERINTENDENT BEFORE A DECISION WILL BE MADE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER