Regional School Unit 13

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AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 MEETING NOTES

Number of people on the committee?

Tom opened the meeting with items under discussion. Feedback to the charge to the committee. The school system has changed. We are moving toward before and after care of students.....serving three meals a day. Buses and vans are on the road from very early to often late at night. Peter Orne......early care and after care as well as special education trans.

Meeting times: suggestions? Possibly hard for some parents to attend a mid-morning meeting. When we get closer to making recommendations we may have some evening meetings that will be more accessible to parents/community members.

How does our transportation system work? Overview of the system for the group for next meeting?

How important it is? Ridership.....what percentage of our students ride the bus elementary, middle and high school. This varies with the season (sports etc.)

After school ridership behavior of students what does that look like? How many buses have cameras etc. How many vans do we have and what are those routes. Our system of communication....Roy keeps a record of behavior issues that occur on the bus...how robust is this and what does that look like? One driver is concerned about the level of behaviors due to the fact she is a spare driver.

Current bus routes listing. Current policies that prescribe practices Van drivers....no flashing lights on the vans. Could there be wording on the vans? "Student on Board" something to signify that vans are carrying students.

Geography of the area....a map of the routes. Number of buses and mileage of the existing buses.

Staffing: how is the job pool and availability of drivers? What does the job market look like? Staffing in general....# of drivers and hours they work. Support staff on the buses. Driver training. What does that look like?

Outline safety concerns and ideas to address them. How we communicate with the community automated tracking

Outreach for future meeting communicate with neighboring school systems to see what a set of common questions would be.

Next meeting might be an hour and a half. Next meeting December 5th at 11 to 12:30. LUNCH?

December 19th for 11 to 12:30 Lunch.