

COSC meeting May 10/22

1. Transportation—John Blood, Director PSD, transportation
 - 7 within the department; customer service, dispatchers, planners
 - Dispatch 6-5:30; liaise with bus routes
 - 2-way radios on all buses
 - Parent hotline—
 - Planners—verifying data after registration; routes made, refined
 - Now 155 routes up to 156 next year—a lot of logistics to get students on routes and get bus passes out, drivers to contact parents
 - Daily deal with misplaced students (wrong buses), parent inquiries, driver/contractor inquiries, complaints
 - Bus cancellation—monitoring weather; ie. storm predicted—early in am, will go out on road and assess—if whiteout conditions, then decision made with superintendent; sometimes if conditions poor in some areas, will cancel those routes and leave others running; don't always get it right; always try to decide by 6 am to give parents notice; difficult but balanced approach; extreme cold (minus 40) will cancel—can also cancel based on area; other conditions: fog, tornado
 - Routes—always try to keep pick-up on right side of road; look at congregated stops—a centralized stop; in country-- look at whether close to a bend, hill, can a vehicle see the lights when they're stopped (front or rear); will liaise with RCMP in certain conditions ie. 779 highway—there is a pick up on the highway—will issue tickets; will do public campaign
 - If an issue—ask parents to call; can follow bus, etc. to follow to ensure safe; bus drivers can also speak up if problematic stops
 - Try to keep 400-500 m from stops; 2.4 km is distance from government
 - The more stops you make, the longer the trip is—ie. especially in the country
 - Route planned based on the time has to be at the last school—drivers will run route and make more accurate timing
 - Receive money from AB government for any student over 2.4 km from designated school (major issue)
 - AB Education makes the rules; PSD doesn't
 - Current funding review (distances, funding)—is gone to minister—how it will look...no one knows
 - Comment—App is fantastic
 - Province wide shortage of bus drivers

2. School Council Funding Options
 - Amber Muir Lake—many schools interested in pooling funds
 - Scott Johnston spoke with ASCA (Wendy). They can review governing documents; draft operating procedures; meet for 1 hour with each chair and principal to finalize documents
 - ASCA—AGM and conference—school councils can purchase sessions \$125 for all; \$60 for breakout sessions

- Book 2-hour operating procedures—can book into fall
 - CFO---preference that things started and completed before Aug 31/22
 - Can we pay this year and book in the fall? Sounded like yes, we can.
 - Can we ask to carry money over because it is the first year?
 - Individual school chair/principal/council will be deciding, not pooling money together
3. ASCA Conference (on ASCA website)
- Carried with amendments—
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 - Passed
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4. COSC 2022-23 Potential dates—Tues, Oct 4/22, Nov 1/22, Feb 7/22, March 7/23, May 2/23—
dates passed
5. Board Report:
- Aimee Hennig providing report
 - Governance and planning sessions in am; afternoon branched off and met gr 7 students for advisory panel; amazed at how mature and articulate the students were; interesting to hear from the students—feel supported by teachers/schools/administration; peer-to-peer interaction—mixed bag; some felt they get along well, some felt not; talked about GSA alliances that are doing good work; would like to see substitute teachers use preferred names rather than legal names
 - Engaging is part of full assurance (Scott Johnston); in surveys—saw peer-to-peer strain in surveys—trying to do some work around this
 - Governance and planning—boundary and attendance review; a lot of work being put in by everyone to ensure least disruption
 - Advocating—delayed start date for curriculum
 - Advocating to bring back School Resource Officer
6. Senior administration report: Scott Johnston report:
- Losing 2 current administrators accepted positions within other school divisions--Kathy Mann associate superintendent role in Aspen; Dr. Tebay--accepted role in SK
 - Entwistle
 - We do get a lot of applicants
 - A lot of work around attendance review; impact; transportation
 - Breakfast clubs of Can for piloting—breakfast nooks in schools
 - Eric Cameron was at his first COSC meeting last meeting
7. Principal Reports:
- Shaw: Woodhaven: first time in 3 years—staff/student hockey game—to Agrena—extracurricular event; kids had an amazing time; good community building; spring league basketball; badminton, soccer, drama—getting close to the end of pandemic—energizing
 - Madge-Arkininstall: Millgrove--transition for G r4 to 5; open house—kids excited to see potential school; admin team from Greystone will be visiting to answer questions; kids will go to visit next week; Juno award winning singer will be in

- Fran Bell—CTF (options); trickster theatre; PATs next week; outdoor learning—to camp Warwa; info parent night re: My Path; opening schools for in-parent meeting
- Andy Fune—planning for next year and end of year activities; to SGCHS—to attend a play—first in 2-3 years—kids were amazing; sports running—badminton, track and field, soccer
- Marc—preparing for PATs; last week DELPH exam (internationally recognized certificate for French proficiency); sports—badminton, soccer, track and field; track and field days yesterday and today; music performances

8. Items for Future Agenda