

TLC Meeting Minutes 02-11-22

Attendance:

Kaitlyn Holden
Elizabeth Jiles
Elaine HERNsberger
Kathy Singleton
Rex Stewart
Laurelyn Parker
Amanda Hughes
Jonathon Falls

Meeting began: 9:55am

Agenda:

1. Board update on hour/pay proposal
2. Reflective rain coats for Shop
3. Badge admittance for after school buses
4. Dispatch notifications for middays
5. Topics open for discussion on what to bring next to Dr. Wright

Minutes:

Jonathon opened with the agenda.

The board is still working on our hourly increase and hours proposal, hope to have a solid answer next time we meet with Dr. Wright.

MNO has full coverage reflective rain coats for roadside calls. Shop is requesting them too.

Our badges only work during pick up and drop off times for routes, but those who have after school or field trips can't access the restroom during regular or after school hours. Requesting that they give access for those hours.

Dispatch advised Liz that they did not have the dates and times for our meetings and that middays would not be covered if not enough time given to find someone else to cover. Kaitlyn RE-SENT the meeting and time list to the dispatchers and a list of members to coordinate coverage on meeting days.

Open floor for discussion of next agenda with Dr. Wright:

1. In house student management
2. Smart tag ID/Badge enforcement

We would like to bring student management coordination and follow through back to the Transportation Department as the campuses seem too busy to follow through with the troubles we have on the buses. The buses are our "classrooms" and the students do not have proper follow through with management after a write up has been given. We propose setting up a charted guideline to handle the offences in a timely and fitting manner. We will call fellow districts around us to see what they are doing and get some references on how well their system is working.

The smart tag ID/Badges are not being taken seriously by students or campuses. At least half or more of all students on a bus roster do not have badges. Jeri Skrocki stated that these new badges would be handled by campus, and is a major form of security for the district, yet they are not being enforced. They are a huge tool in helping Transportation identify students getting on and off the bus and a major help when a driver is absent and a sub is on the bus. The campuses are stating they want to wait for "professional" pictures, they have bad internet connection., the machine is broken, "we have given them our write them up, or "it's a problem on Transportation's end". Most younger students don't know where they live or are too scared to talk to us, or there is a language barrier. The badges would help eliminate that. Amanda brings up the idea of moving the age limit of students who need a guardian to pick them up from just Pre-K to Pre-K through 2nd/3rd grade. We are having to return students to campus when they are too afraid to get off without a guardian present due to them not knowing where they live.

We decided to call and look up the following districts' student management tools:
Comal, Austin, Wimberly, Dripping Springs, Lockhart, Bastrop ISD.

A topic of TLC shirts was brought up to help identify members to other staff for help or concerns, we would wear them on meeting days and in-service days. Approval by Mr. Shields is required.

Meeting ended: 11:04am