

RSU #38 Facilities/Transportation Committee
Zoom
November 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Dave Guillemette, Rebecca Lambert, Shawn Roderick, Betty Morrell, Kelly Thompson, Shaun Drinkwater, Brigette Williams, Jay Charette

1. Transportation Staffing Update - Kelly Thompson
 - a. Traversa is up and running, Tyler Ride tablets are on the buses. If all goes well, the plan is to go live in the next few weeks; 360 ride will give parent notifications.
 - b. Two staff resignations (money and hours), recent challenges of 4 staff out due to covid or other medical, plus the mechanic. Trying to combine runs (from 4 to 3) and use of a spare driver has meant less of an impact.
 - c. This is a willing resilient group of drivers who are taking on the many challenges of transportation. They are doing an amazing job in difficult circumstances.
 - d. Two new buses will be coming on line this week. One will be operating in MTV and the other new bus will start on winter sports runs.

2. Maintenance Staffing Update - Shaun Drinkwater
 - a. Full crew to start the year, a few resignations, currently down 2 positions, upcoming medical as well as a resignation in December. Staff situation is very fluid.
 - b. The priority is to have clean schools which has resulted in staff having overtime. Posted positions with few applications, process followed to cover all necessary work given that we are short staffed.
 - c. How do we show appreciation to this crew? Creative outside of the box thinking. Shaun, Brigette and Jay will meet to discuss
 - d. Winter Sporting events are a worry - hire additional help for athletic events? (Any staff who might be interested?)
 - e. Appreciation by committee expressed to this team for all they are doing!

3. Review Bond Project Summary
 - a. Bond project review - lights will be discussed shortly - it is still evolving in terms of best options, elevator at WES installed during holiday break, IA 95% done need another short period of time to tie it in, bus garage furnace project completed.
 - b. Track resurfacing question - short discussion about extra lanes and it does not seem feasible that this is going to happen.

4. Visual/Performing Arts (VPA) Bond request
 - a. Discussion of kiln at MES and RES. The Art teacher is working with Shaun and will continue to do so. This can be handled through the regular budget.
 - b. Agreement on flex screen for Middle School Art
 - c. Sound systems - 4 systems for Middle, RES, MES and WES schools agreed by members

- d. Wall panels for RES Stage - investigate cost and include this with this package
 - e. Risers - investigate more about the use and the necessary number needed for the schools
 - f. Bring the Visual/Performing Arts (VPA) bond project proposals to the full board for final approval - will get ready for Dec. 1st meeting.
5. ESSER Funds 3 Grant Update - see included email. Grant projects are fully approved. Thank you to Brigette Williams and Karen Smith for finalizing and answering state questions.
6. Consideration of Mt. Vernon Select Board request for school generator
- a. After a brief discussion the committee is not interested in pursuing a generator agreement at a single school. It is noted that no other schools have generators.
7. Identify representative to report at Board meetings
- a. Rebecca volunteered to be the representative; minutes will be provided ahead of the board meeting.
8. Schedule SY22 meetings - Suggestion (third Monday, 6-7 p.m.)
December 13 (ReVision Energy) (to be scheduled)
January 24 (fourth Monday)
March 21
May 16
Committee was in agreement on these dates and encouraged the use of zoom for the foreseeable future.
9. Other - Schedule a meeting with ReVision Energy for a presentation on Dec. 13. Superintendent will work to schedule the presentation, likely through Zoom. (This will be the only agenda item.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm