

Transportation Task Force
September 29, 2017
10:30 a.m.

All members were present.

Dr. Rodrigue said the focus of this task force is to fix the problem areas with the K-6 transportation.

Members shared input on problems with the system.

- Rich Dufour – getting buses to schools on times
- Dr. Gombos – consistent issues affecting drivers, parents and teachers.
- Trent Harrison – longer ride times (his daughter drives by their house three times before getting to school)
- Chris Moretti – some are common problems – supervision responsibilities for teachers, length of time waiting to get on bus at dismissal, increased walkers in town
- Tracy Galassi – effects meetings and conferences – how it extends staff day
- Liane Cohagen – travel time to work has increased resulting in having to leave earlier
- Abby Clements – her students told her that they as well as their parents are stressed. The building staff is also stressed.

Below are things that need to be changed:

- Buses on time – 5 to 10 min. before bell
- Offset school times for K-6
- Student down time
- Shuttle? Hybrid?
- Length of ride
- Parent pick up and dismissal

Mrs. Kortze said Reed and the elementary schools cannot start at the same time. Dr. Gombos felt that was the problem. Mr. Cruson said staggering the times solves the problem but the concern is how transportation will take care of that.

Mr. Clure asked about rules for bus capacity. He wanted to address middle and high school students on buses regarding the overcrowding that was reported to him.

Mr. Dufour said it was two to a seat although many there were only one per seat.

Dr. Rodrigue broke the committee into groups with the charge to come up with ideas for a solution.

Mrs. Kortze asked why we went from three tiers to two tiers.

Mrs. Ku said the community survey indicated the top issue was having children at bus stops in the dark so we couldn't have three tiers.

Mrs. Kortze noted that we should look at bus stop consolidation.

Mrs. Clements asked why the plan Dr. Erardi spoke about was switched at the last minute.

Dr. Rodrigue said initially the choice was Plan A revised option 5.

Mrs. Ku said every change will set things into motion. She was proponent of Plan A but that would have a longer ride for elementary students.

Mr. Moretti asked if we could add buses.

Mrs. Ku said if that was a possible solution then it should be presented.

The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.