



**OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**
South Willamette Valley Chapter
optaschoolbus.org

A non-profit organization

Date: November 12, 2019
Location: Sizzler Restaurant, Springfield
Meeting called to order: 1130 a.m.
Members Present: David Jorgenson, Scott Bohl, Ashleigh Barley, Joanna Morris, Craig Pruitt, Carla, Tysor, Ryan Dougherty, Kevin Kramer, Chris Ellison, Tanya Adams

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Ellison to approve the previous minutes as presented, seconded by Carla Tysor. Approved.

Financial Report: No official updates. Everything looks good so far. Next State meeting November 15.

Committee Reports

State Board: Chris Ellison had nothing new to report for State Board.

ODE report: Oregon Department of Education reorganized its staff in concurrence with the passage of the Student Success Act with the goal of using rare funding recently authorized by the legislature to lead to better outcomes for all, particularly historically underserved populations. In this process, Pupil Transportation & Fingerprinting has been moved under the authority of Dustin Melton, who held the directors title for both our unit as well as for Child Nutrition Programs. He serves under Brian Reeder, Assistant Superintendent of Child Nutrition, Research, and Accountability. Fingerprinting & Transportation (CRAFT). Dustin brings a passion for excellence and a warm regard for the importance of the students we partner with districts to serve in our state, and looks forward to learning more about you in the coming months. The issue of food on buses, however, remains an issue of local policy.

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133 accidents so far this year. 80 of those have been the school bus drivers' fault.

35 have involved parked vehicles and 33 involved fixed objects.

Please teach a refresher on reference points as a retraining objective for anyone who has a preventable at fault crash involving things that are not moving when they were struck.

We are also buying a lot of new buses with quite a few being propane. There also seems to be an increase in gasoline bus purchases. No one to date has been able to find a way to purchase an electric bus, but they know that some may be working really hard on finding a way.

Buster the Bus and our Safety Patrol program has been out and about this fall visiting schools in the Salem area, Woodburn, Dallas, the Medford area and the Seaside area. They also have sent out quite a few vests, Stop signs and School flags.

The Third Party examiner program has completed its migration to DMV and is no longer a part of ODE's administration. Questions related to the administration of the program would go to DMV.

Record requirements related to training have not changed. DMV has given their expectations for their needs. ODE requirements exceed DMV's, so your retention process should not change.

Stay within the program. Stick with your paper work.

Scott, Brock, and Craig have started the District reviews. If you received a questionnaire, please complete the form and return it to ODE. This will help the preparation process.

Safety Exercise:

We are concerned that we will not have enough room at Reynolds. The plan is to have it in the PDX area.

Winter Workshop:

Chris Ellison talked with Karen Main at NAPT. She will not be coming to winter workshop to speak. With the amount of people that we have in attendance it just wouldn't work out. Our other options are CBD oil, train vs. bus, bully/student management, drugs, and SWAT active shooter. Dave Jorgenson is going to reach out to Chris Moore see if he is available to talk about Student Management.

Education:

Kevin Kramer from Schetky Bus Sales says that he recently went to the Detroit plant. The Detroit engine has variable cam phasing which helps the engine stay warm and cuts down on regens. So cool.

Sunshine:

Bob George bereavement
Barbara Holmes bereavement
Mary Pruitt surgery



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Future meetings:

December 10,2019 Springfield/ Sizzler
January 14, 2020 Springfield/ Sizzler
February 11,2020 Springfield/ Sizzler
March 10,2020 Springfield/ Sizzler
April 14,2020 Springfield/ Sizzler
May 12,2020 Springfield/ Sizzler

Meeting adjourned 12:45

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