



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes of September 22, 2008 Meeting

The third meeting of the full Transportation Advisory Committee met at 6:30 on September 22, 2008 in the PHS Study Hall. Forty-five members were in attendance.

Facilitator Carol Lensing called the meeting to order at 6:30 and welcomed the group back.

Carol Lensing asked the members to return to the previous small groups to complete the work discussing the “Answers to Committee Questions” document and share personal observations from visits to the loading/unloading areas and the after school supervision areas. The group spent about a half hour completing those tasks. They then shared their work with the entire group. (See the artifact on the web site labeled “Notes from Sept 8 2008 – current reality” which was updated to include the additions made at this meeting.)

Carol Lensing divided the committee into new work groups. The task for this part of the meeting was to consolidate and combine the main ideas from the “Ideal State and Current State” activities and identify points of emphasis and gaps that exist between the two. The group spent about 20 minutes doing so. Each group then shared their list with the group and posted it on the wall. Each member was then given five dot stickers. They were instructed to “spend” their dots by posting them on the statements that they most agreed with. If they wanted to add emphasis by putting all five on one statement that was okay or if they wanted to place them on five different statements, that was okay to. If the same statement or similar statements were listed on more than one chart, they were told that they would be combined later and reported back to the group.

The dots were placed by the members present, totaled and the results shared with the committee. (See the meeting artifact labeled “Notes from Sept 22 2008 – Commonalities/Gaps” which shows the raw scores and “Combined Values from Commonalities Sept 22” which shows the totals for like ideas)

Carol Lensing reviewed the key questions assigned to the committee by the Board:

1. Does the current system properly support our educational goals?
2. Does the current system deliver students to school in the most efficient and effective manner?
3. Can the current system be sustained beyond 2009 with the opening of Prairie Point, located a distance from the loading zone?
4. Can the current system be sustained as the district grows on into the future?

Carol Lensing reminded the group that the study design asked for them to make a decision on whether (1) the current system meets those needs or (2) the current system does not meet those needs and the committee will continue to meet to develop consensus around a recommendation



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to improve the current system. She emphasized that they were not voting a solution – only the intent to continue working on a solution to propose to the Board.

The committee as a whole discussed the key questions. There were some additional questions about how the system would work after the opening of Prairie Point in the fall of 2009 and sources of funding to solve the problems identified by the group.

Carol asked for members to signal their feelings by a “thumbs up” for agreement, “thumbs sideways” for uncertain, and “thumbs down” for disagreement to the proposition that **the current system did not meet the needs of the district and that the committee should continue to meet to look for system improvements to recommend to the Board.**

The group signaled overwhelming support for the proposition as stated. Thus the committee will continue to meet on the agreed upon schedule and will attempt to reach consensus on what changes would improve the current system.

The committee was asked what additional pieces of information it needed to help them make a good decision. (See artifact entitled “additional questions Sept 22 2008)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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