



Joint Transportation Policy Committee
Rainy River District School Board
Microsoft Teams
Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.



MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair, John Fuhrer, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Committee members and staff were introduced:

RRDSB Trustee, David Kircher

RRDSB Trustee, Jeff Lehman

RRDSB Trustee, John Fuhrer

TNCDSB Trustee, David Sharp

TNCDSB Trustee, Teresa Larson

TNCDSB Trustee, Cathy Piotrowski

Manager of Rainy River District Transportation Services, Nikki Armstrong

RRDSB Director of Education, Heather Campbell

RRDSB Superintendent of Business, Meghan Cox

TNCDSB Director of Education, Brendan Hyatt

TNCDSB Superintendent of Business, Laura Mills

Recording Secretary: Sherri Belluz, Administrative Assistant, RRDSB

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

No committee members declared a conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The November 19, 2020 Joint Transportation Policy Committee minutes were approved as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising to discuss.

6. New Business

a) 2021-2022 Ride Time Update

The ride times were reviewed as presented with the longest ride times for all students being due to geography/rural location or courtesy ridership.

b) 2020-21 Year in Review

The activity of the Consortium of the past year was presented for information.

The 2019-20 school year focussed on National School Bus Safety Week, continued promotion of the illegal passing of a school bus, First Rider Program, and auditing operator performance. Procedure 103 Inclement Weather was updated to allow for buses to operate in the afternoon to allow for more students to attend in person with a mid-day pick up. The Consortium continues to experience a driver shortage that resulted in the cancellation of routes. All operators have ongoing recruitment and training processes in place.

The closure of schools during the pandemic resulted in an Addendum to the Transportation Agreements in 2020 to cover items such as compensation and expectations. Some routes continued to operate daily for students with special needs that required in-person learning.

The student behaviour incidents were reviewed.

c) Joint Transportation Policy Review

The Joint Transportation Policy continues to be supportive of the delivery of a safe and efficient transportation system. No policy language changes were recommended by the Management Committee.

7. Future Meeting

The next Joint Transportation Policy Committee meeting date is to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.