



Joint Transportation Policy Committee Rainy River District School Board
TNCSDB Fort Frances Board Office/Google Meet
Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.



MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair, David Sharp, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Committee members and staff were in attendance:

RRDSB Trustee, David Kircher

RRDSB Trustee, Jeff Lehman

RRDSB Trustee, John Fuhrer

TNCSDB Trustee, David Sharp

TNCSDB Trustee, Teresa Larson

TNCSDB Trustee, Cathy Piotrowski

Manager of Rainy River District Transportation Services, Nikki Armstrong

RRDSB Director of Education, Heather Campbell

RRDSB Superintendent of Business, Meghan Cox

TNCSDB Director of Education, Jackie Robinson

TNCSDB Superintendent of Business, Laura Mills

Recording Secretary: Shauna Hammond, Executive Assistant, TNCSDB

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 October 28, 2021 Joint Transportation Policy Committee minutes were approved as amended at section 1 Call to Order to remove "at at". Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising to discuss.

6. New Business

a) 2022-2023 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) 2021-22 Year in Review

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

The 2021-22 school year focussed on National School Bus Safety Week, continued education of the public of the dangers of illegally passing a school bus, and auditing operator performance. The updating of Procedure 103 Inclement Weather has resulted in a reduction of the amount of full day bus cancellations. 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.

There was a decrease in student behaviour incidents in 2021-2022.

All contracted fleet were updated with the 8 Lamp Amber-Red Warning System.

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.

Trustee Lehman brought forward concerns about available meeting agendas/minutes on the website. He proposed approving minutes in a more timely fashion proposing a second meeting to approve minutes and cover business arising. Trustee Kircher proposed the minutes be circulated electronically for approval within 30 days to ensure they are posted to the website in a timely manner. It was agreed that the minutes will go to members for approval within 30 days of the meeting which will alleviate the need for a second meeting.

It was suggested that the consortium website be updated to include information regarding committee members, minutes and meeting dates. Communication is to be released on the consortium website that the Ministry of Education is reviewing the funding model for transportation and that the policy will be reviewed at that time. The Joint Policy will go out for stakeholder consultation as part of the review.

7. Future Meeting

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

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.