



**OREGON PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**
Northwest Chapter
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NW Chapter Meeting

Date: April 11, 2019
Location: Western Bus Sales, 30355 SE Hwy 212, Boring OR
Attendees: Sandi Miller, T.J. Crockett, Casey Jebens, Jason Chess, Teri Brady, Scott Bohl, Cindy Sim, Angel Morales, Todd Heninger, Nate Moore, Sam Freshner, Mary Conger, Lori Loyer, Greg Price, Geoff Smoke, Rehana Nelson, Bob Mitchell, Melanie Garrison, George Shay, Bethiah Gunderson, Laura Salsky, Janet Alley, Mark Pinder, Sean Schroeder, Malinda Hammond, Shawn Choruby, Christina Suarez

The meeting was called to order at 10:38am.

Minutes: The minutes from the 3/14/2019 meeting were presented orally and approved.

Financial Report: Financial report was presented and approved.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee – No training opportunities to report.

Sunshine Committee – Kim Bolden – Lost her father and daughter recently

Jane Heffler – Lost her son

Becky Andovik—Congratulations on new position with STA

ODE Report—See attached report on accident data, legislative action, summer ODE classes and DMV.

State OPTA report – Director @ Large position open on State Board. Does anyone recall the winners of the passport competition last summer? Conference Committee is missing the last registration winner. Teresa Hooper was given as a possibility.

Safety Exercise – Send contestant registrations to David Jorgenson. Send judges registrations to Sandi Miller. Bus manufacturers used for the exercise are not known yet. Dates are May 4 and June 1 in Eugene.

OPTA: the energizing leader in promoting safe, efficient student transportation

Vendor Updates:

Christina Suarez from Blue Star Gas. Christina shared that Blue Star Gas is a family owned company in business for 81 years. They provide propane autogas, equipment and service. Blue Star is 1st in the US for renewable propane.

Shawn Choruby from Western Bus. Thank you all for being here.

Forum Topic: Field Trips

How do you cover them? Sherwood uses subs and office staff to cover. Sometimes Districts are using charters to cover the Take and then has drivers available to do the return.

Districts are struggling due to increased trips (middle school sports) and lack of drivers. Reynolds now has a full time recriter and increased the driver wage. David Douglas increased the driver wage and cut routes.

Equipment issues: Does anyone have drivers and no equipment? What about borrowing or renting buses? How do you ensure the bus is still active and has been certified?

Do you negotiate dates and times with requestors? Do you limit times of days or amount of buses?

Are you missing trips? What is the cause? How often does it occur?

Can we do anything about the scheduling of sports? OSAA only schedules the playoffs. Each league gets together to schedule league play. Should we be at the table? What part do officials and their availability play?

Summer Workshop:

The summer workshop will be at Hazelbrook MS in Tualatin. Patrick Mulick is confirmed for Tuesday August 6. He will give a two hour keynote and two other classes. TSWSN and 8 hour CORE will be held on separate days. First Aid is offered on all three days. We are still looking for instructors to teach. At this time, there are no reference point classes. Casey provided attendees with the draft template for the week's schedule.

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

Nominations for NW Chapter Board: Nominations were opened. Geoff Smoke was nominated for President Elect. Cheryl Cosgrove was nominated for Director at Large.

State OPTA awards- There continue to be relatively few nominations for the State OPTA awards. Award nominations are due 5/10/19.



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Meeting adjourned 12:28p. Next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2019 at Portland Public Schools, 716 NE Marine Dr, Portland OR.

Respectfully submitted
Teri Brady

Board Members for the 2018-19 School Year:

NW President – Sandi Miller, Sherwood SD
NW President Elect – T.J. Crockett, Reynolds SD
NW Past President – Becky Adovnik, STA
Treasurer – Jason Chess, Reynolds SD
Secretary – Teri Brady, Portland Public Schools
Director at Large (2016-2018) – Sean Schroeder, North Clackamas SD
Director at Large (2017-2019) – Sharon Pierce, Portland Public Schools
Director at Large (2018-2020) – Casey Jebens, Sherwood SD

Upcoming Meetings:

May 9, 2019	PPS, 716 NE Marine Dr, Portland OR
June 26, 2019	Riverhouse Conference Center, State Conference, Bend OR