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

Date: January 10, 2019
Location: Schetky NW Bus Sales
Attendees: Sandi Miller, T.J. Crockett, Casey Jebens, Teri Brady, Jason Chess, Sean Schroeder, Scott Bohl, Mary Conger, Kathy Calkins, Brandon Coonrod, Dan Hagan, Julie Mitchell, Laura Salsky, George Shay, Diana Newton, Bethiah Gunderson, Sam Freshner, Janet Alley, Melinda Hammond, Teresa Hooper, Geoff Smoke, Rob Stickland, Sandy vanBaggen, Cindy Sim, Todd Heninger, Kim Hevia, Kevin Kramer

The meeting was called to order at 10:31am.

Minutes from the 12/13/2018 meeting were reviewed approved.

Introductions were made.

Financial Report: Presented and approved.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee – Sandy vanBaggen called out for any trainings that were upcoming. It was asked that districts continue to share with her about upcoming trainings and district contacts.

Sunshine Committee – Scott Bohl from ODE shared the passing of William Swift, Bethel SD Supervisor. A card was passed around for attendees to sign. Card was mailed to Eugene SD to pass on to Bethel SD.

State Report – Scott Bohl, ODE –See attached report

Winter Workshop – Committee Chair Mary Conger shared the theme for the upcoming Winter Workshop. “A Change is Coming” It will be hosted by Reynolds SD on 3/14/2018. Candace Pelt from ODE has been invited to present. Emma Forsland from Reynolds SD will present on restorative practices and relationship building. Lunch will be provided and a chapter meeting will be held. Information and registration forms will be sent out shortly.

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Safety Exercise – No report at this time. Regional exercise will be held 5/4/2019 and State will be held 6/1/2019. Both will be at the Eugene Baptist Church.

South Willamette Chapter Winter Workshop – Will be held on Saturday 2/23 in Eugene at the Eugene Baptist Church. Speakers and a live action exercise are scheduled. 6 hours work of driver hours will be available. Lunch is included. Registration ends 2/8/19.

Summer Workshop – Casey Jebens is still working on securing the location. Currently looking at Hazelbrook MS in Tualatin. The committee is working around Patrick Mulick's schedule and seeking all qualified instructors to fill in class schedule. Anyone with ideas for new classes are asked to contact Casey at Sherwood SD.

Vendor Updates: Kim Hevia and Kevin Kramer introduced Austin and Charlene as part of the Schetky team.

Kevin presented information on the new DD5 diesel engine from Detroit. It comes with the Virtual technician support. There were other updates on the HDX rear window, back up lights near the rear wheels and LED headlights.

Meeting break for lunch 11:24-11:45

Forum Topic: School Bus Stop Safety

Indiana fatal accident – In light of the fatal accident that occurred in Indiana with the killing of 3 siblings who were crossing the street to board their school bus, what can districts and transportation professionals do to make loading and unloading at bus stops safer for our children.

In the Indiana accident, the motorist did not recognize the school bus and loading lights. The bus driver turned on the loading lights and assumed the motorist would stop.

- A. **Procedures-** Is there something that we need to do as professionals to change the behavior of other drivers? Is there something we can do to change the behaviors of our students and bus drivers?

As a whole, those present agreed that there are many conditions out of our control, but we can control our student training for crossing at bus stops. Drivers can become lax regarding student behavior and students are continually bombarded by distractions. As the adults, we need to be vigilant in their safety. Train students, remind drivers, follow up with evaluations and accountability.

- B. **Can Routing provide solutions** – Some Districts make sure that they have no stops that cross students. Buses will make stops on both sides of the road, however, some parents/students don't want to waste the time waiting on the bus while it turns around and come back. Some districts have an annual review of all of their crossing stops.



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- C. **Technology answers?** – There is new technology on the market that provides extra lighting to the front of the bus to illuminate the students crossing the road. In this case, would the motorist have noticed? Do we get out of the bus like California to assist students across the road?

How much do we add to the bus and risk it no longer being the recognizable yellow school bus?

Suggested topic for next month's meeting: no suggestions at the meeting

Unfinished Business:

There is a new permanent sign that has been installed on I-5 near Jefferson, OR and the Santiam Rest Area. This area is a snow Zone and traction devices are required to be carried. This requirement does include school buses.

New Business:

It was shared that the Portland Fire Bureau has some surplus/damaged hoses they are disposing of. If school districts are interested, they can contact Shea Michael Anderson with the Bureau at 503.823.3.737 to see if any hose is still available.

Meeting adjourned 12:22p. Next meeting scheduled for February 14, 2019 at Peterson Hillsboro, 5450 NE Five Oaks Dr, Hillsboro Or

Respectfully submitted

Teri Brady

Attach: January report from ODE

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

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Director at Large (2017-2019) – Sharon Pierce, Portland Public Schools

Director at Large (2018-2020) – Casey Jebens, Sherwood SD

Upcoming Meetings:

February 14, 2019	Peterson Hillsboro, 5450 NE Five Oaks Dr, Hillsboro
March 14, 2019	Reynolds SD/Winter Workshop, TBA
April 11, 2019	Western Bus Sales, 30355 SE Hwy 212, Boring OR
May 9, 2019	PPS, 716 NE Marine Dr, Portland OR
June 26, 2019	Riverhouse Conference Center, State Conference, Bend OR