

ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
Transportation Committee Meeting

MINUTES  
April 20, 2009

Minutes are preliminary discussions within the Transportation Committee. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education at the Itasca School Board meeting on May 13, 2009.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Marcia Tornatore, Dr. Dawn Turner, Jenny Burke, Lisa Ciccio, Chris Collins, Tammy Edgecomb, Yvonne Marler, Leisha Zak, Dawn Tresch, and Deb Mitsui.

- I. Review of April 13, 2009 Minutes –The minutes were accepted as written by the Transportation Committee members.
  
- II. Discussion Items:
  - A. Bus fees for paying riders – Review of last weeks discussion on fees for paying riders ensued. Neighboring districts fees (feeder schools to Lake Park High School) were shared. The range of fees charged for students living within 1 ½ miles and not within a hazardous zone ranged from \$245 to \$400 per year per student. Our fees have not been raised in at least 12 years. This past fall, some of our busses were over crowded. The district is trying not to have to add an additional bus. If raising fees is approved, it will not be an unreasonable amount. Suggestions were to raise the fees incrementally over a number of years.
  
  - B. Limiting the number of stops – Committee suggested that the district should limit or avoid stops on Irving Park Road as much possible. An exception to this suggestion would be for the mid-day pick up and drop off for kindergarten age students. With earlier return of transportation request forms, routes may be able to be reviewed for the possibility of eliminating stops that are within very close proximity to one another.

C. Multiple Stops – The committee agreed that if parents need to make multiple changes to their student’s pick up and drop off locations, the district should try as best we can to accommodate requests, especially in the case of an emergency. However, consideration should be given to the number of seats that may be available the bus. Suggestions included limiting requests for multiple stop changes to two times per year. Transportation requests for changes may take up to two weeks for bus assignments to be assigned.

### III. Adjournment –

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Benson Primary School.