

HSF meeting 10/30/17 GMS conference room

Present: Cam Ward, Mike Howes, Jordana Harper, Nate Tripp, Adrienne Nunez, Don Alexander

Call to order 5 pm

1. No public comment

2. JH and MH both agree that relevant and accurate data has been gathered and looked at 100 ways and Greenfield can be confident we are doing the best we can with safety and finance in terms of bus transportation.

JH- Cooperative efforts with FRTA is possible in future, but not at this time. Not all stops (shelters) are out yet. Next year, once shelters are up, we could start a pilot program with upper classes.

AN- Inquired about reimbursements from state. JH- Reimbursements not available at our level. Regionalizing our district, adding Pioneer, Turners, etc., could make us more eligible for reimbursement, but greater costs for additional busing may outweigh savings.

AN- Inquired about "Big Bus". MH- Our costs to operate "Big Bus" is equal to the cost to have Kuzmeskus provide service; i.e., no savings.

MH has worked to consider great outsourcing to save money, but no or limited replies from private vendors. Not a lot of companies do everything we do- bus monitors. CW found this to be the same reply given months ago when he inquired about increasing outsourcing with former business manager Howie Barber.

JH- Plan moving forward to reduce transportation expenses- 1st we increase safety: slower traffic signs, crosswalks, lighting, guards (collaborative effort with GPD and GDPW). This allows for greater walkers to potential expand pick up for bus radius

AN- added to outsourcing conversation- There was a study several years ago that looked at outsourcing and town did not like the results. MH had file of study on hand.

NT- How do we get concrete steps to moving forward on JH's suggestion to 1st increase safety. JH suggested a recommendation from HSF subcommittee to support efforts to implement signs to slow traffic in areas of Federal St., as well as improve crosswalks, lighting, guards, etc., and encourage children to attend neighborhood schools as opposed to choosing in district.

3. DA – Public raised concerns about people using Federal St. School playground and walkway as shortcut from Franklin St. to Federal St. JH- Principal Nancy Putnam has raised this concern before.

CW- Asked JH to get feedback from Nancy Putnam and any other administrators as to what they would like to protect their grounds during school hours (fencing, signage) and then our subcommittee will discuss in terms of making recommendations to full committee

Adjourn 5:50 pm