

# Pottsgrove School District

## Community Budget Task Force Meeting Minutes

**Name of Sub-Committee:** Transportation

**Date of Meeting:** March 29, 2011

**Admin. Co-chair:** David Nester    **Community Co-chair:** Justin Valentine

### **Attending:**

Frances Buchert, Rachel DePaoli, Charlie Dickinson, Ruth Fisher, Leslie Jenske, Stephan Kindaid, Nancy Landes, Sue McGroarty, Jennifer Osborn, Jennifer Ridgeway, Teri Widmann

### **Topics Discussed:**

1. Minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting were approved as read.
2. Mr. Nester presented data accumulated by bus drivers over the last 2 week period on ridership of each bus. In general it was noted that our buses are not operating at peak capacity.
3. Mr. Nester led a discussion with the Committee regarding the findings that were discussed in prior meetings.
4. The Committee developed rationales and impact statements for each finding.
5. The Committee agreed to present all findings to the School Board for their consideration. The findings are as follows:
  - Eliminate mid-day K runs
  - Eliminate Elementary tutoring/club runs
  - Eliminate Activity runs
  - Expand walking distances to .8 miles for all levels
  - Consolidate nonpublic bus runs to increase ridership
  - Establish goals for # of students assigned to a bus at the elementary and secondary levels
  - Consolidate MS & HS runs
  - Defer the purchase of one bus this year
  - Consolidate bus stops for improved efficiency and savings in fuel consumption

6. Mr. Nester agreed to accumulate data from other Montgomery County Districts regarding whether they provide mid-day K runs and Activity Runs.
7. Mr. Nester also agreed to investigate whether the District would be permitted to solicit for advertisements and place them on the school buses.
8. The Committee's findings will be presented at the Board Meeting next scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Ringing Rocks Elementary School (St. Pius property). All Committee members are encouraged to attend.
  - The purpose of the meeting will be to develop the findings to be submitted to the School Board for consideration
  - The findings should include the anticipated savings as well as the potential impact of the proposals
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**Presentation of findings to the Board of School Directors on April 12, 2011, 7:30 PM at Ringing Rocks**