

**Pioneer Middle School - School Council**  
**AGM Meeting**  
Oct 2rd 2023

1. Call to Order at: 7:01pm
2. Approval of Minutes:
  - ☰ Pioneer S-C Oct 3/22 Lacey Brown
3. Elections:
  - President: Laura Henning-acclamation
  - Vice President: Lacy Brown-acclamation
  - Secretary: Mai-Brit Savill
4. Adjournment at: 7:05

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**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
Oct 2nd 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:05pm
2. Attendance: Laura Henning, Nicole Heath, Lacey Brown, Angela Nichol, Jeanette Plante, Jacki Janes, Patrick Wilbur, Jenna Morrish, Mai-Britt Savill
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of minutes-Nicole Heath
  - ☰ Pioneer S-C Sept 23
5. Reports
  - Trustee (Jackie Janes)-



## Wild Rose School Division

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Date: September 11, 2023

Report to: Board of Trustees

From: Kristen Disley, Director of Transportation

Re: Annual Pupil Transportation Accountability Report

**1. Operation Information:**

- During the 2022 – 2023 School Year our Transportation Department provided daily transportation services to 3,467 students on 76 bus routes
- In 2022 – 2023 all of our routes were contracted out. The south routes were tendered in 2019 with the winning contractor being Prairie Bus Lines. They now look after all 44 southern routes. The south routes will be tendered this year as the contract ends July 31, 2024. The north contracted routes were tendered out at the end of the 2021 - 2022 school year. First Student received 9 routes and Prairie Bus Lines received 23 routes.
- The Division also has a contracted arrangement with the Stoney Education Authority. The Division does receive education funding for the Stoney Education Students, however, we do not receive transportation funding as it is based on Ta Otha being their nearest school. Funding for Stoney Education Authority students comes from the Federal Government.
- The Division contracted out the transportation for one student to Columbus Academy in Stony Plain. This route has been contracted to First Student. We also contracted out the transportation for one student to Horizon School in Olds which is contracted to Prairie Bus Lines.
- Wild Rose School Division provides busing service to the Red Deer Catholic and St. Thomas Aquinas Divisions under a cooperative Bussing Agreement and receives an additional grant for this. In the 2022 – 2023 year our Bus Fleet in the southern part of our Division had 2 additional days for Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. The northern part of our division had 2 additional days for St. Thomas Aquinas. During the 2022 - 2023 School Year, we transported 266 students for St. Thomas Aquinas and 385 students for Red Deer Catholic.
- In-town busing is provided to students in Rocky Mountain House and Drayton Valley on a “no charge” basis. There are three pickup points in Rocky Mountain House and two in Drayton Valley as well as a shuttle service between the Elementary Schools in Rocky and all Schools in Drayton Valley
- During the 2022 – 2023 school year we were met with higher than normal route cancellations due to driver sickness as well as weather related.



3.59%	8.5%	29.08%	26.14%	21.57%	8.17%	2.61%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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**Corridor:**

Average Ride Time = 39.8 minutes

**Distance from bus stop to school of attendance:**

<2.4	2.4-5.0	5.1-10	10.1-15	15.1-20	20.1-25	25.1-30	30.1-35	35.1-40	40.1-45	45.1-50	>50
2.19%	7.68%	21.71%	27.41%	16.45%	13.16%	6.80%	3.29%	0.88%	1.10%	0%	0%

**Drayton Valley:**

Average Ride Time = 34.7 minutes

**Distance from bus stop to school of attendance:**

<2.4	2.4-5.0	5.1-10	10.1-15	15.1-20	20.1-25	25.1-30	30.1-35	35.1-40	40.1-45	45.1-50	>50
9.27%	14.06%	24.12%	16.05%	17.89%	11.02%	4.23%	2.24%	0.96%	0.40%	0.16%	0%

**Rocky Mountain House:**

Average Ride Time = 35.7 minutes

**Distance from bus stop to school of attendance:**

<2.4	2.4-5.0	5.1-10	10.1-15	15.1-20	20.1-25	25.1-30	30.1-35	35.1-40	40.1-45	45.1-50	>50
18.16%	14.27%	13.33%	21.33%	14.34%	8.57%	3.75%	3.53%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	1.73%

**5. Accomplishments**

- Successfully assisted in the evacuation of Drayton Valley residents.
- Successfully transitioned routes for the opening of the new schools in the Corridor.
- Kept the Board of Trustees up to date monthly after the opening of the Corridor Schools regarding routing, and the shuttle system.
- 2022 - 2023 School Year was the first year we hosted our First Rider Program. This program was held in both Rocky Mountain House and Drayton Valley and is geared towards new bus

riders. There are a series of stations set up teaching students about safe loading and unloading, evacuations, bus rules and what to expect on their bus rides. We also take the students and their parents on a ride around town. This helps ease the anxiety of both parents and students. We had a good turn out and plan to host this yearly.

## 8. Ongoing Initiatives

- Continued efforts to find efficiency in our registration of new students.
- Completing the transition from Versa Trans to Traversa which is a web based transportation program.
- Continued review of all routes so as to provide safe transportation and reasonable ride times while staying within our budgetary constraints.
- In town busing for next year. With the eligibility distances changing for 2024-2025 school year, we will be implementing additional in town stops which may require additional routes. We are in the planning phase of this.

## 9. Issues

- Need for public awareness on the rules surrounding the passing of school buses when stop arm, stop sign and alternating red lights are activated
- Driver shortage not only throughout Alberta, but throughout North America.
- Mechanical parts continue to be back ordered which causes problems with getting buses back on the road after break downs.

○ Principal (Patrick Wilbur) 301 students enrolled. 86-grade 6, 100-grade 7, 114- grade 8.

Remediation Program-Literacy 35 students x 3 during the school year,  
Numeracy program will be both pull out and push in for students. Mrs Schmaltz and Ms. Thiessen

Mel Campbell will also be doing literacy work.

Program is for students that are a little below grade level with the hope of getting them to grade level,

RISE program has 4 students enrolled. One teacher and 3 EA's support the students.

There has been an inquiry as to one student joining GP for socialization.

Concerns brought forward regarding funding and behaviors of the RYSE students.

○ Teacher- Halloween Dance October 27

○ Chair - nothing at this time

## 6. Old Business

- \$500 grant payment from Alberta Education for "The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant".  
<https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx>

- Joe Social Media (internet and social media safety) November 16 for student and parent presentation. Family Resource Network has paid deposit. Friends will pay \$500 toward the Jo Presentations.

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7. New Business:

8. Next Meeting will be Nov 6th 2023

9. Adjournment at 7:42pm