

DATE: November 4, 2014

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Sarah Hoffman

SUBJECT: Motion re Annual Reporting of Yellow Bus Ride Times

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook – Section 5.2.2 – Notices of Motion](#)
[December 9, 2008 Board Report](#) – See Response to RFI #146 (Page 3)
[March 10, 2009 Board Report](#) – See Response to RFI #178 (Page 3)
[November 24, 2009 Board Report](#) – See Response to RFI #239 (Page 1)
[October 21, 2014 Board Report](#) – Student Transportation Average Ride Times (Response to RFI #052)

ISSUE

Notice of motion was served at the October 21, 2014 board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That information on the current minimum, maximum and average ride times for the following yellow bus service be reported annually:

- **regular**
- **alternative programs**
- **special needs**
- **early education**
- **conditional riders**

BACKGROUND

In the fall, news stories are often run about bus ride times in a variety of school districts. Trustees regularly ask for information on an ad-hoc basis regarding transportation ride times for a variety of programs. Having this information presented publicly on an annual basis would enable the Board to consider the facts surrounding ride times, their trends and any concerning or promising data in a consistent public fashion. The Board does review fees on an annual basis and this would enable the Board to review the evidence regarding levels of service in the same fashion to help inform strong decision making.

RELATED FACTS

Since 2008, four different requests for information have been provided by the Administration regarding bus ride times -- links to these documents are included in the REFERENCE section above. When staff can anticipate an annual cycle to their work they can plan accordingly, prepare templates and provide information that provides a reliable comparison.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The following options have been considered as they are deemed the most admissible:

1. Provide Board direction to review yellow bus ride times annually.
2. Continue the practice of trustees asking for transportation ride time reports when desired through the Request for Information process.
3. Request ride time reports on a more frequent basis than once per school year.
4. Request information regarding all types of ride times including the Edmonton Transit System.

NEXT STEPS

The Administration will determine, when in the 2015-2016 school year, the information report on transportation ride times would be included on the public board agenda. The Administration will also determine how this information should be presented in an effort to achieve the outcomes as outlined in the motion.

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