

Support Staff Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

The Support Council met on November 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Office conference room. Council members present were: Tammy Baker, Tammy Taylor, Jennifer Maynard, Michelle Hollingsworth, Ed Eary, Jo Willis, Tammy Osborne, Patty Teater and Richard Harden.

Welcome:

Mr. Harden welcomed all Support Council members and called the meeting to order.

Communications: The communication section centered on the following:

- Band Uniforms are paid for by the Jessamine County Board of Education. The Board is eventually reimbursed by uniform rental fees charged each year to band students. The rental fees charged are \$50 per year, and \$25 for students eligible for reduced priced lunch. Students eligible for free lunch are not charged. Director of Finance Jason U'wren has suggested designating the money received from uniform rental fees to be used for future uniform replacement.
- Bus drivers reported seeing an increase in the number of instances of citizens running bus stop arms.
 - Mr. Harden reported this concern to Ms. Donna Givens, the District's Safety and Security Officer. Ms. Givens contacted Nicholasville Police Chief Barry Waldrop who has assigned the stop-arm issues to Major Chris Cain, Assistant Chief. Major Cain has indicated that he will increase patrols immediately in 'hot spots' identified by Mr. Bellman. He will also use NPD communication tools to promote the safety of the District's children.
 - Also planned are website postings, electronic sign reminders, 'spots' on Doug Fain's radio program and radio spots by Superintendent Fields.
 - According to State statutes, in a stop-arm infraction it is a 'rebuttable' assumption that the owner of a vehicle was driving at the time of the infraction. Therefore, it is imperative that a bus driver be able to 'identify' the person driving.
 - Ms. Givens will work with Mr. Bellman to develop a form to be given to drivers to insure that the necessary information needed to issue a citation can be recorded efficiently. That information includes: Vehicle license number, description of the vehicle, description of the driver, time of day, location, etc. Drivers will be compensated for any time spent for the filing of reports and court appearances if necessary.
- Bus drivers said several schools would not answer their radios in the morning and afternoon. They would like someone at Central Office to make sure school administrators realize the importance of answering their radios. Generally speaking, school personnel will not be available to answer radios before 7:30 AM.

If there are questions or issues that need to be discussed at the next Support Council meeting, please email those to Richard Harden in advance at: richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us.

The next meeting of the Support Council will be Thursday, December 8th, at 9:00 AM.