



Head Start

Arrowhead Head Start
Special Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Policy Council met on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 by conferencing/email/texting to discuss and approve Arrowhead Head Start's Transportation Waiver. Those Policy Council members participating were:

Sarah Koski, Kristy Johnson, Cathy Zelinski, Diane Taylor, Amanda Bylander, Cheri Averill Manner, Kirsten Klang, Angela Walker, Doris Wehrenberg, Kayli Hoover. Also participating was Skip Ferris, Head Start Director, and Tracy Sandnas, Finance Supervisor.

Policy Council members were provided information on the annual Transportation Waiver request for the program to work with school districts to provide transportation to Head Start children where the program is unable to provide this training through our regular transportation provider. The schools listed on the transportation waiver are Babbitt (St. Louis County Schools), Chisholm, Ely, Mesabi East, Proctor, and Two Harbors. Classrooms where Head Start provides transportation where no transportation waiver is being requested are Eveleth-Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Mt. Iron-Buhl, and Virginia.

There were some concerns from a couple of members regarding the safety of having 3 and 4 year old children on regular school busses without proper restraints and no bus monitor. One parent had their child ride a school bus this past year and had no problems or concerns. Schools will not transport 3 year olds, only 4 year olds. Strict procedures are followed to allow children to ride school busses to ensure their safety.

Voting on approving the transportation waiver was completed by text messaging and copies of the voting are on file as outlined in section 4.7 (i) of the Policy Council By-Laws. Results of the voting were 8 – yes, 2 – no to approve the transportation waiver. Transportation waiver request approved.

Further discussion on transportation, guidelines and guidance will be discussed at the next Policy Council meeting on June 14, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:

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