

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 8:00 AM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman*, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Others/Staff: Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Administrator – Angela E. Gompert,
Island Climate Action Network (ICAN) – Noli Taylor,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward,
Facilities Director – Mike Taus
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see * in text)

Call to Order: (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Transportation Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 8:04 AM on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration; the meeting was recorded.

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Approval of Minutes: (Agenda Item #II)

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2022 AS WRITTEN; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

**Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 8:07 AM*

Discussion and Possible Vote of Policy for Third Party Usage: (Agenda Item #III)

Chair Kirk said she had reached out to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) to see what other schools offered. She said a point of consideration was whether the MVRHS owned the buses; the trend for others was they were not interested to take on the liability.

Members asked for samples that could be provided by MASC; discussing with neighboring districts was suggested. All agreed it was in the best interest to have a set policy and budget; to be consistent with all the requests; a review of sample policies would be the guide to make smart decisions for a policy.

Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith was in agreement with an objective stance; many of those with upcoming requests understood they would have to look elsewhere for the short-term until something was decided; it was recognized that staffing and bus availability put a strain on the system.

Chair Kirk said we should strive to set a policy for the request in July, a fair and objective approach.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #IV)

Chair Kirk invited Angela E. Gompert to this meeting to review the vast amount of information and pricing options received for the electric bus charging stations. *(please see document on file for details: MVRHS Charger Comparison 5.22.xlsx)*

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 8:00 AM

Highlights:

- This was a temporary, cost effective solution as the charging stations would be moved in the future. This was not a solution for long term infrastructure.
- No modifications to existing infrastructure was needed and would allow the diesel buses to plug in during the winter.
- This selection would help to get this process underway and get people excited during the summer.
- Putting this on campus instead of at the VTA would be the most successful solution for all; it made it easier for the drivers.

Members discussed other charger options including those recommended by Anderson Bus/Bluebird and the needed charging capacity to keep the buses running smoothly on all routes and conditions.

Mike Taus said he was appointed to get a solution for power for the Bluebird recommended chargers; he was not aware this was going on and had someone ready to do the installation next week. Chair Kirk said she was not aware he was taking these steps and apologized to him for the communication issues.

Chair Kirk said this topic would be posted on a future agenda so a vote could be taken; more time was needed for review; it needed to be figured out quickly to meet the Grant restrictions.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #V)

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:10 AM; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Meetings/Events:

- Joint meeting with FacSubCom: May 26, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Documents on File:

- 1) 5.19.22 Transportation Sub Committee.pdf
- 2) MVRHS Charger Comparison 5.22.xlsx
- 3) participants_85364605290 (5).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

September 15, 2022

Date

Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair

Date

Matthew D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED September 15, 2022