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Director of Operations Report for October, 2020
10/13/2020

Tipton Community School Corporation has only a few subs-

Randall Hudson, Dave Heath, and Linda Sottong, are bus driver subs who keep the buses moving.

Randy Overdorf and Johnie Blair are in the process of obtaining a bus license.

I have restarted the process to train to drive a bus, and I have passed the test for a CDL learner's permit. Ken Day used to sub for us, but has not driven this year because of COVID.

Made sure drivers are clear on COVID Procedures-10/27/2020

A meeting was held with drivers on 10/27 to make sure they knew about the COVID procedures. A driver had symptoms and was unsure of the reporting procedure. A few minutes was used to review the process. Drivers should call Scott, so we can get a sub. The next step is to call Dawn... Drivers should get tested if symptoms are present. Drivers may come back back to work when they have a negative test or are symptom free.

Drivers will be given inservice time to learn other routes-

In-service days will be set up for the drivers to make up the planned elearning days. To make up for November 6, 2020 in-service day, drivers will spend that inservice time on learning and driving other driver's routes. Driving and learning other routes is a practice that drivers will engage in frequently if the entire school has to quarantine. There will be a time where there will not be subs available, and drivers will be asked to run a double route. Drivers will be paid extra to run a double route. If for some reason Tipton Community School Corporation should have to go to virtual learning with the entire school population, drivers will be asked to come in and learn and drive the routes of other drivers. This will be a back up plan in case no subs are available.

10/31/2020 Volunteers dismantled the greenhouse-

On 10/31/2020, several volunteers helped to dismantle the greenhouse which was purchased from Bona Vista in Kokomo. This building was dismantled to be rebuilt on TCSC property. All parts were labelled and stored in a trailer. There are sub committees working on different aspects of the greenhouse project. The tear down committee consisted of Aaron Conaway, Jeff Rodibaugh, Tom McKinney, and Kent Boyer among others. This group brought in heavy equipment and volunteered a whole Saturday to label and dismantle the greenhouse. Jim Ankrum and Matt Smith are heading up the planning committee. This group is dealing with legal fees, drawings, and a cost analysis. The entire greenhouse initiative committee will be getting

together to go over the next steps to getting this project built. There has been talk about trying to hold a fundraiser to be able to show the foundation that there is buy-in for this project.

Winter Sports are about to begin-

High school and middle school sports schedules have been presented to the drivers. Drivers are in the process of letting me know which sports they want to drive. There are a lot of games to fill and not many drivers are able to drive sports.

US Highway 31 to be limited access in the next five years.

Tracy Powell, County Commissioner spoke about US thirty-one becoming a limited access highway. He wanted information about how many bus routes cross 31. Currently, we have four bus routes that cross U.S. 31. Division Road will be an access point to U.S. 31. State Road 28 is an access point to U.S. 31. There is a proposal to limit all other access points. The county commissioners are trying to get 600 S. to be an access point to get to Us 31. This is a plan that will begin in the next couple of years.

All schools transition to regular dismissal-

Monday, October 19, 2020, the students transitioned from the "Wave" dismissal system to a traditional dismissal where all students leave at the same time. The transition happened without a problem. Students are now dismissed at 2:55. There is one group of Elementary students that is let off at 3:00. Dismissal is more timely and efficient. Instead of starting dismissal at 2:45. Dismissal is at 2:55 and students are on their way home by 3:11. High school drivers are getting to their cars and getting out of the parking lot before the buses leave. This is much safer than the previous method where cars and buses were meeting at the exact time. The car riders at the elementary and middle school are getting out of the parking lot with few backups. They are leaving the building at 2:55 as well.

Washers become more efficient-

HP products installed automatic soap dispensers in the industrial washers in the middle school and high school auxiliary gym washer. This system will cut down on the amount of soap used. The efficiency of the clothes washing process will be improved because of these automatic dispensers. The laundry process has become more efficient because of these automatic dispensers. Laundry service will be more efficient and less costly.

Courtyard classrooms door locks need to be fixed-

On 11/3/2020 a problem was reported with the courtyard locks. There is a problem with some of the locks that go to the courtyard in the Elementary School. The locks cannot be locked in the classroom. Students are able to leave the classroom and go to the courtyard anytime they want to. This needs to be fixed. Maulharts from Lafayette will be here on Tuesday, 11/10 to fix this problem.