

Educational Service District #113
Capital Chapter – Driver Trainers' Meeting

March 8, 2011

Attendance:

John R. Calabrese, ESD 113
Troy Lee, Tumwater Ken
Colleen Casey, Tumwater
Dev Hall, Hood Canal
Cathy Bowman, Montesano
Karin Steere, Griffin
Iva Madison, McCleary
Dee Lamont, Grapeview
Anne Chappell, Shelton

Meeting called to order: 10:00 - Introductions around the table were made and the comment was made that it is good to see more people attending the meetings.

Minutes: Read and approved.

Old Business:

John Calabrese had scripts, handbooks, and the written test for the Special Needs Road-e-o. It is scheduled the same day as our road-e-o, Saturday, May 14, in Lakewood. ESD 121 has invited our ESD; he had all the information and also said he could e-mail it as well if anyone wants a copy. He said the Road-e-o theme this year is the Survivor.

He passed around the sign up sheet for judging events. It was thought that the road-e-o would be similar to the one we had two years ago when we combined ESD 113 and ESD 112. (Hopefully there will be four buses provided.) We are hoping to finish between 1:00 and 2:00 as long as we get started on time.

It was asked if the Road-e-o Event Packet along with the written test were available, as of March 8 - it was not available on the WAPT website.

Buses were discussed and at this point no one knows of anyone who needs a conventional bus for their contestants. Colleen mentioned that John Clark was working on getting us buses, (this was prior to his meeting he had on Wednesday.) The Supervisor's WAPT committee that is organizing the event was meeting on Wednesday to put the final touches on the brochure and registration.

Details to be taken into consideration for the course set up were discussed. What to use to mark the pavement (gel crayons) and when it could be measured. John Calabrese and Dee Lamont both said they had 100 foot tape measures that they were willing to use. A time frame was briefly mentioned when Anne arrived and stated the practice would be Saturday, April 23.

Pretty much everyone had the same time off for spring break so it was thought that perhaps some people could get together then to work on the course. After the practice though there would be a

better idea if the layout of the course will work. John thought it would take at least two evenings to work on the course. The night before the road-e-o will be especially important to set up exactly as the competition will be, not necessarily having the curb and parallel parking side by side. How the course will be set up will be determined by the amount of space each event requires.

New Business:

The CDL training date for Driver Trainers was changed from April to June 14, from 9:00 – 1:00. This change is necessary because DOL is now implementing the changes in two phases. Changes to pre trip will not happen until 2012 and the backing and road test changes will not happen until between August 1, and October 31, 2011. At the session June 14, Gibb would also be able to explain how all the drivers will do their pre trips and backing.

John stated that ESD 112 will be invited to attend and that he will be doing a flyer. He said Gibb from DOL will come and provide the training himself. The room at the new location is already reserved and can hold up to 100 people.

Dimensions for the backing portion of the pre trip will be determined soon and he said that perhaps the next meeting or in May, we would be able to go over that and set it up – giving us some hands on practice before actually training new drivers. It would be good practice setting up the backing by measuring out the new limit lines so trainers can be better prepared for this fall.

Legislative Update:

Dee Lamont said that everyone should visit the WAPT website and use the links to contact their legislators. We need to make it known that we can't lose our funding for the Regional Coordinators, or TVF.

Next meeting:

April 12, 2011 - ESD 113 Board Room

Respectively Submitted



Colleen Casey
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