

## Methow Valley School District Facilities Task Force

Monday, May 5, 14

6:00 – 8:30 pm

*Meeting #3 – Sub-Committee Reports (Transportation and Technology) and Deliberations*

### **6:00 – 6:15 pm:**

Facilities Task Force Co-Chairs Sarah and Erik Brooks welcomed returning Task Force members and introduced two new members – Mel Hartwig and Alex Hall.

Following introductions, Sarah and Erik, acknowledged the important work that has occurred thus far and next steps that include sub-committee reports and deliberation on May 5<sup>th</sup> (Transportation and Technology) and May 12<sup>th</sup> (Teaching and Learning and Maintenance and Grounds).

Following sub-committee presentations, the Task Force will deliberate further, refine and establish a prioritized list of “Project Ideas” to be shared with the community at-large during two Open Houses schedule on Saturday, May 17 and Monday, May 19 at a time to be determined.

### **6:15 – 7:05 pm:**

Transportation Sub-Committee Presentation and Deliberations:

Hunter Maltais, Transportation sub-committee facilitator presented a prioritized list of needs associated with the current bus, motor pool, and maintenance fleet. During the presentation, Hunter shared information about alternative fueling sources, specifically the increased use of propane buses. He also shared information regarding the potential cost-savings to the district, the efficiency, and the maintenance schedule associated with propane buses, and the need for funding new buses using a Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy due to the inadequate funding cycle (using depreciation) within the state of Washington at present. In addition to the replacement of buses, Hunter described the need to replace the aging motor pool fleet with 9 passenger vans due to increased demand for shuttle services between schools, sporting events, and activities. Hunter also stated that the maintenance and utility vehicle used by the Maintenance Department is in need of replacement.

Following Hunter’s presentation, he invited members of the Task Force to ask questions, express concerns, and ‘weigh-in’ with regard to the Transportation list of priorities.

Members of the Task Force asked questions related to the State Depreciation Funding Cycle, average age of the bus fleet, fueling costs, maintenance associated with propane buses, and motor pool fleet.

**7:05 – 7:10 pm:**

Break

**7:15 – 8:10 pm:**

Technology Sub-Committee Presentation and Deliberation:

Drew Simmons, Technology sub-committee facilitator presented a prioritized list of items associated with the maintenance of the district's technology infrastructure, staffing, professional development, hardware, and software. Drew described the need to provide students with access to industry standard technology that can be effectively integrated into the classroom.

Drew solicited questions from the Task Force.

**8:10 – 8:15 pm:**

Co-Chairs Sarah and Erik Brooks provided closure by thanking this evening's presenters, reminded the Task Force of next week's meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the MVE Library.