

GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS
Board Meeting – Monday June 14, 2010
District Business Office

TO: Dr. Mike Riggle
Hillary Siena

FROM: Kimberly Ptak

DATE: June 14, 2010

RE: **DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF (2) ACTIVITY BUSES for OFF CAMPUS USE**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a three year lease for (2) 14 passenger activity buses with Midwest Transit at an annual cost of \$7,317 per bus for use at our Off Campus facility. With our annual special education transportation reimbursement from the state, the net cost to the district would be approximately \$2,195 per bus or a total of \$4,390 per year for two buses.

Background

Off Campus has been renting a 72- passenger bus from First Student to make bi-weekly trips to the Northbrook YMCA. The annual cost to rent a bus is approximately \$10,000 or \$3,000 with the special education transportation reimbursement. It has been difficult for the staff and students at Off Campus to rely on renting a bus. The bus is often delayed and due to the nature of Off Campus, the students' daily schedules often need to be flexible. In the fall, Off Campus will use space at GBS for PE classes twice a week. In addition to using the buses for transportation for PE the attached memo summarizes the planned usage for the two buses.

It is important to note that the buses will be available for athletics in the evenings and on weekends for the use of both GBN and GBS. The buses could also be used for any field trips taken by GBE classes.

DATE: May 28, 2010
TO: Doug Strong
FROM: Bob Hopkins
SUBJ: GBOC Van Information

Based on questioning of the staff, GBOC vans could be used in the following ways:

1. Classroom Based Field Trips
 - a. Science – Take students to visit local educational sites like Volo Bog and Illinois Forest Preserves.
 - b. Consumer Education – Visit local businesses to put information learned in the classroom into perspective.
 - c. Social Studies – Visit sites that are significant to U.S.(Like Blue Star Woods on State St. – used as a German POW camp during WWII) as well as Chicago History.
 - d. English – Freedom to attend plays and performances based on curriculum.
 - e. Math – Attend math competitions at area schools.
2. Relationship Building
 - a. Join clubs at GBS and GBN
 - b. Introduction to local organizations
 - c. Fun activities
 - d. Service learning.
3. Social Club – Field trips for movies, NickelCity, Old Orchard.
4. P.E.
 - a. YMCA becomes a possibility again
 - b. Quick trips to GBS for PE are an option
 - c. Use of the Park Center may be possible
 - d. Trips to nearby parks for use of facilities.
5. STP Program – Teach independent skills
 - a. Laundry at the laundry mat
 - b. Shopping at the grocery store
 - c. Personal finance
 - d. Local organizations –Post Office, Library, food pantry
6. Mini-Trips
 - a. Oakton
 - b. Pivot
 - c. Peer Services
7. Transition “Launch Pad” Program
 - a. Students in this program will be working on community based goals needing experiential learning.
 - b. A van could be used daily in this program to help meet the program needs and decrease the costs of individual cab fares.

All staff agree that, considering the anxiety level of our students, having access to school transportation would increase attendance in school and improve involvement in school events.

GBOC Vans would support staff attempts to improve the attendance of certain students as well.