

SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
March 18, 2014
District/County Office Room #4, Loyalton, CA
(Poly-com to Downieville School)
3:30pm
Meeting Notes

Present:

Merrill M. Grant, Ed D, Superintendent
Marlene Mongolo, SELPA Director
Marla Stock, Site Administrator, Loyalton High School
Barbara Jaquez, Certificated
Camille Alfred, Certificated
Megan Meschery, Certificated and Sierra Schools Foundation (SSF) representative
Pat Doyle, Certificated and Co-President, Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
Tim Driscoll, Board Trustee
Laraine Sei, Confidential Employee
Rose Asquith, Business Manager
Nicole Dempster, Parent

Via poly-com from Downieville School

Derek Cooper, Site Administrator, Loyalton Elementary, Downieville School
Allen Wright, Board Trustee
Augustine Corcoran, Certificated
Steve Folsom, Parent
Kristy Folsom, Parent

Absent:

Blaine Donnelly, Technology Director
Claire Schumacher, Certificated
Jeanne Miller, Parent

The meeting commenced at 3:30 pm.

I. Purpose and protocols of meeting

This is the fourth of five meetings scheduled for the 13-14 school year.

II. Introduction of DAC membership: latest district news as shared by Council

- Derek Cooper, Augustine Corcoran, Allen Wright and Steve and Kristy Folsom participated via poly-com from Downieville School.
- Marlene Mongolo reported that preparation for the Smarter Balanced Assessment is under way and includes training teachers and downloading secure browsers to the computers.

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- Pat Doyle updated the committee on SPTA elections as follows:
Co-Presidents: Joann Nunes and Pat Doyle
Vice President: Camille Alfred
Treasurer: Sue Gressel
Secretary: Claire Schumacher
SPTA Scholarship Committee: Camille Alfred and Megan Meschery

III. "Representative Leadership"—Agenda Items Welcome in Advance

- The base idea of the District Advisory Committee is to bring ideas to the table and consistently hope for more discussion about the direction of the schools.
- This committee, consisting of educators, parents and community members, will approve our LCAP.

IV. Budget—Multi-Year Projection after Second Interim

Dr. Grant reviewed a handout - a budget synopsis as of the Second Interim. It reflects both the County and District offices' financial standings. Dr. Grant explained that this budget is submitted to the State of California in Multiyear (three year) projections.

Total Revenues for this year reflect 5.8 million revenues and 5.4 million in expenditures. This is partially due to the sale of Pliocene school. The Ending Fund Balance reflects our savings account of 2.88 million. This leaves us an undesignated reserve 2.43 million, approximately 50% of our budget.

The column that reflects 2014-15 shows our revenue down to just under 5 million; our expenditures are over 5 million therefore deficit spending reflects about \$70,000.

For 2015-16 predicted revenue and expenses were added.

We are stabilized for the current fiscal year and the next.

Secure Rural Schools continues to be an unknown.

The county and district budget expenses have been re-allocated; they support each other.

V. 2014-15 Budget Formation

- **Transportation Proposal**

Rose Asquith reviewed the district's research into leasing buses from Plumas Joint Unified School District for home to school transportation. (PowerPoint attached.)

- **Administrator Assignments/Reductions**

All administrators in the district have been given a notice of reduction or release of assignment in order to provide total flexibility for re-structure and school staffing. The Superintendent's salary is an issue for the board to discuss; county superintendent position is 15% of the total FTE. The Board wishes to wait until after the March 7 candidate deadline to negotiate for the remaining 85%. Dr. Grant is running unopposed for County Superintendent.

Dr. Grant will talk with staff at each site and have conversations about what is needed and communicate results to the board.

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- **Certificated Reductions** –Again, notices have been given to SELPA certificated staff to provide flexibility in order to re-structure SELPA organization if needed. The District eliminated the opportunity program which was absorbed by the schools. In Downieville, the science/math teacher has asked to be half time. There are no forced teacher layoffs this year.
- **Classified Reductions** –Some reductions have been infused into this budget. More information will be given at the Board meeting and the next DAC meeting.

VI. Technology Task Force Update--Progress/Next Steps

- Derek Cooper reported that the purchase agreement with Apple, Inc., has gone through enabling other accessories to be added to the new ipads.
- Megan Meschery reported that the Chrome Books are easy to use.
- Derek Cooper mentioned that this Friday's Professional Learning Community will focus on loading and utilizing Smarter Balanced tests on the computers. The next technology meeting is April 16.

VII. Facilities (current projects/needs/next steps)

- Ag Barn Fire Damage and Repair Complete/Beautification – repair and walk through has been completed and volunteers will be painting and performing minor upgrades
- High School Parking Lot Paving Project – will begin this summer (Funding from Sierra County Office of Education: \$100,000)
- Middle field track construction/irrigation and field repair - Steve Alfred has completed surveying and a site plan. The hardware for irrigation are already in place. The next steps are to disc, re-grade, replant and set the track.
- Downieville paint/Marquee replacement will begin this summer
- Portables Paint – Portables 5 through 11 will be painted to match the existing LES and District offices.
- LES Playground Resurfacing – Extra asphalt from high school project will be used to crack-seal and re-stripe the playground
- Greenhouse Operational - Seed-to-Table ideas were discussed
- Multi-year facilities plan development – plans to prioritize replacement of school furniture, rugs in classrooms, boiler in Downieville

VIII. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The LCAP will be presented to this committee in May. Community input is a requirement. We are not a widely diverse County, but the state needs to know how much money is spent on socioeconomically disadvantaged students. The LCAP will provide this information.

IX. Goal Setting for 2014-15

The list of goals will be a focus for the April DAC meeting.

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X. Sierra Schools Foundation Report

- Dates Scheduled:
5/10/14 Wellness Day (Hot Springs)
9/14 /14 Gran Fondo (Cycling)
- Artists in the Schools Program – Sierra County Arts Council is applying for a grant. The SSF will attempt to support financially as well.
Downieville has benefited from the grant by infusing art into the high school.
Next year's plan is to have graphic design at LHS, based on a grant award.
- SSF wishes to assist Sierra County in publicly promoting this area in order to draw more people to our community.

XI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

Topics Include:

LCAP

Budget

Technology

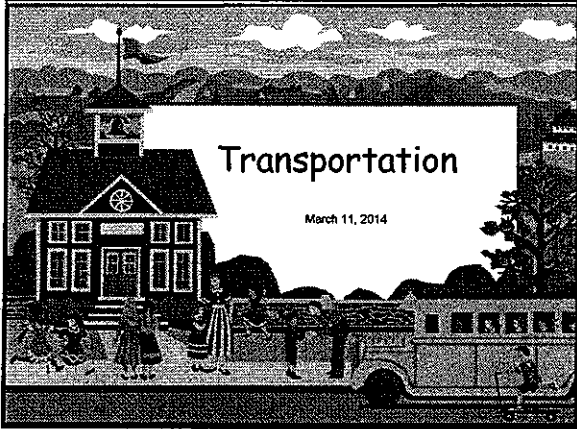
Facilities

Staffing

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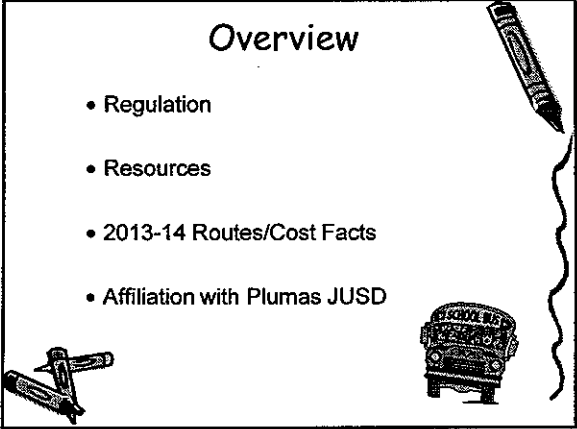
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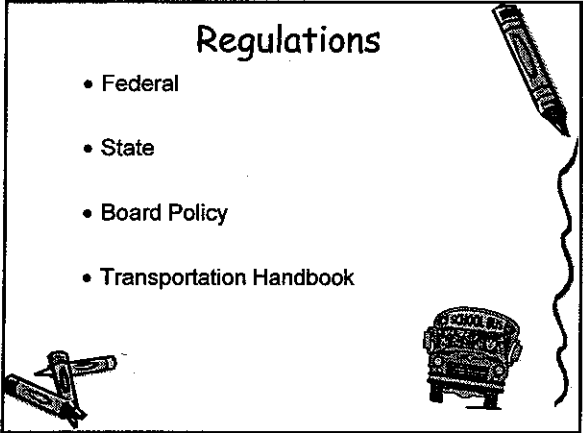
Overview

- Regulation
- Resources
- 2013-14 Routes/Cost Facts
- Affiliation with Plumas JUSD



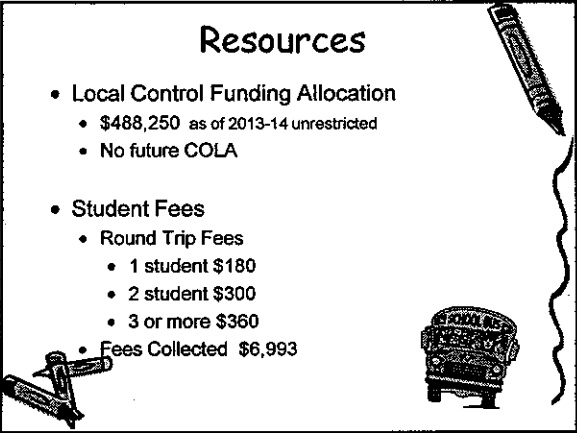
Regulations

- Federal
- State
- Board Policy
- Transportation Handbook

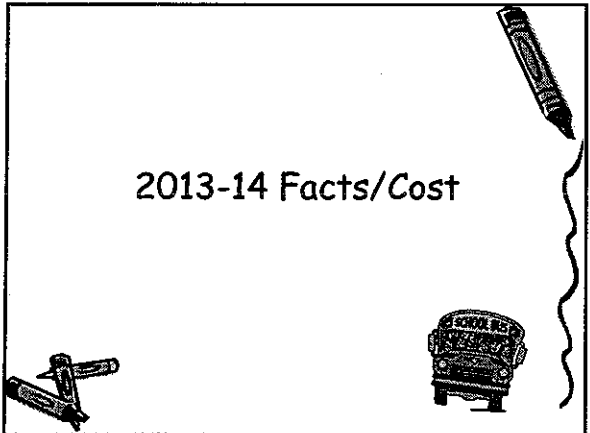


Resources

- Local Control Funding Allocation
 - \$488,250 as of 2013-14 unrestricted
 - No future COLA
- Student Fees
 - Round Trip Fees
 - 1 student \$180
 - 2 student \$300
 - 3 or more \$360
 - Fees Collected \$6,993



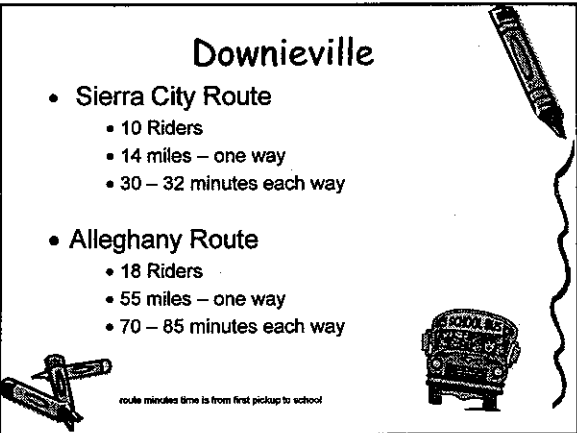
2013-14 Facts/Cost



Downieville

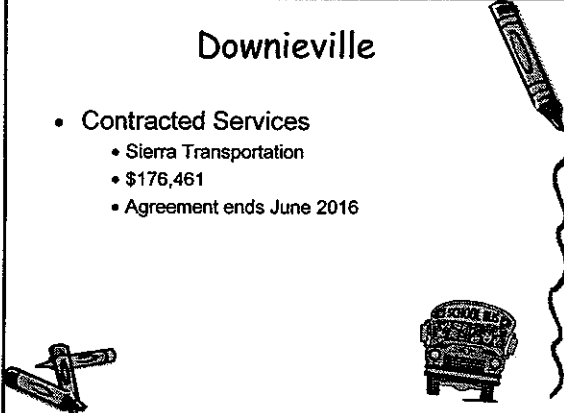
- Sierra City Route
 - 10 Riders
 - 14 miles – one way
 - 30 – 32 minutes each way
- Alleghany Route
 - 18 Riders
 - 55 miles – one way
 - 70 – 85 minutes each way

route minutes time is from first pickup to school



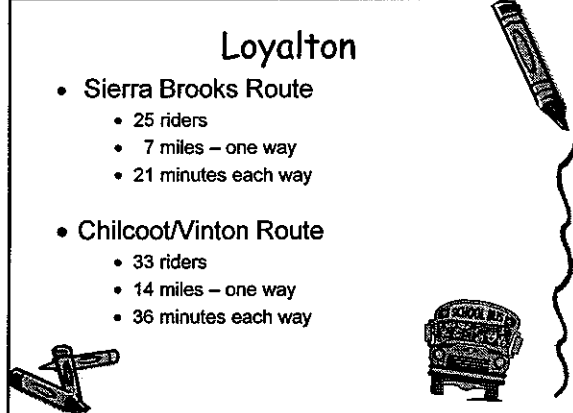
Downieville

- Contracted Services
 - Sierra Transportation
 - \$176,461
 - Agreement ends June 2016



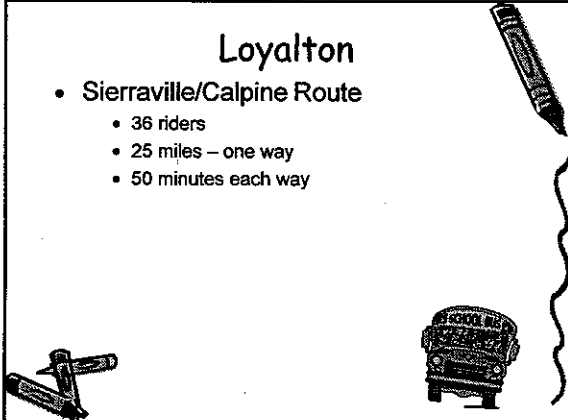
Loyalton

- Sierra Brooks Route
 - 25 riders
 - 7 miles – one way
 - 21 minutes each way
- Chilcoot/Vinton Route
 - 33 riders
 - 14 miles – one way
 - 36 minutes each way



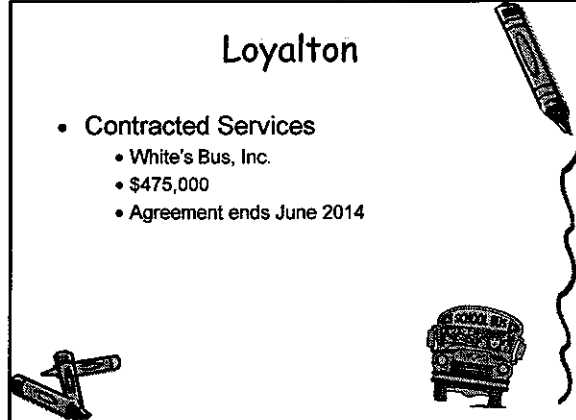
Loyalton

- Sierraville/Calpine Route
 - 36 riders
 - 25 miles – one way
 - 50 minutes each way



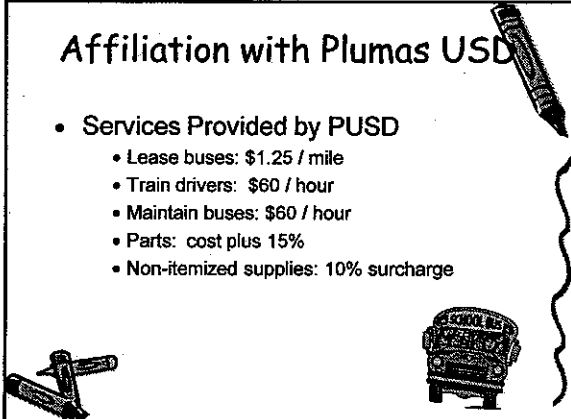
Loyalton

- Contracted Services
 - White's Bus, Inc.
 - \$475,000
 - Agreement ends June 2014



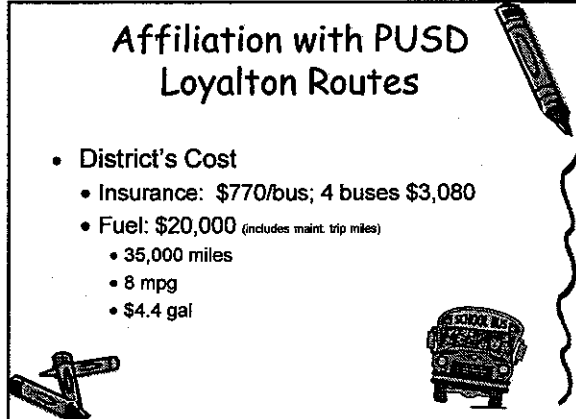
Affiliation with Plumas USD

- Services Provided by PUSD
 - Lease buses: \$1.25 / mile
 - Train drivers: \$60 / hour
 - Maintain buses: \$60 / hour
 - Parts: cost plus 15%
 - Non-itemized supplies: 10% surcharge






Affiliation with PUSD Loyalton Routes

- District's Cost
 - Insurance: \$770/bus; 4 buses \$3,080
 - Fuel: \$20,000 (includes maint. trip miles)
 - 35,000 miles
 - 8 mpg
 - \$4.4 gal






District's Expenditures

- Bus Driver Wages
 - \$12.76 - \$17.06
 - 3.5 hours/day: \$10,000 - \$14,000
 - 5.0 hours/day: \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 3 drivers: \$30,000 - \$60,000




District's Expenditures

- Bus Driver Training \$3,000
 - 20 hours classroom
 - Training material
 - 20 hours behind the wheel
 - Medical exam




Other Expenditures

- Sub Drivers Out-of-Pocket Cost \$200
 - H-6 print-out (DMV Record)
 - CHP Test/Finger Printing
 - Sheriff Dept. Finger Printing
 - DMV New License
 - TB Test

Duties Absorbed

- Employment Process
- Management of Bus Drivers
- Coordinating Bus Maintenance
- Bus Pass Accountability

Next Steps April Board Meeting

Board Direction on the Following:




- Agreement with PUSD
- Bus Driver Job Description
- Bus Driver Salary Schedule
- Authorization to Hire Bus Drivers





Estimated Annual Cost

\$175,000 - \$250,000

Questions?

