

Minidoka County School District

Transportation's Report

July 31, 2017

Special Needs Summer School has started. We have six students and are running two buses due to the miles between the students.

This month both Ryan and I attended the School Transportation News Conference in Reno. They had a lot of classes on special needs and the new regulations for wheelchairs. They were very informative. Ryan also attended a class on ASE Certification and we will be getting a set of books so that all of our mechanics will become certified.

We had a special speaker, Dr. Stephen Sroka. He has a program called "The Power of One". Stephen was told at the end of third grade that he was retarded. He was mocked for having a crossed-eye and a speech impediment. He was crippled in a high school fight and was ready to drop out of school. The doctors told him to listen to his teachers. He also said the more he listened the more he learned. Stephen is now a doctor and talks about self-esteem and how to make sure our students feel they are important, and no one slips through the cracks. He is an amazing speaker.

We have two open routes to start school this year. Lucille Mayne has decided to retire, and Paul Henscheid will go from a full-time route to a sub driver.

We had three work orders turned in for the month of July and all three have been fixed and the buses back on the road.

Bless our mechanics hearts they are working hard to get the buses ready for the new school year, but with this heat and no air in the shop, they are working in a sauna. We really appreciate their dedication and their hard work on our behalf.

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