Ryan Carruth – Operations Director Report to the WBCSD Board of Trustees Monday December 18, 2023

# **Transportation**

## Ridership

- We have transported between 420-470 students per day this school year on our regular routes, which is nearly half of all students in the district.
- Since the end of the fall sports season, we have been able to provide transportation for all Sports and Extra curricular trips for Junior High and Priest River High School.
- Basketball games to Sandpoint and Riverside

# **Bus Driver Shout Out**

- Every Day our bus drivers travel roughly 2600 miles, not counting sports and extracurricular trips. They are covering ground for our school district.
- This fall has been challenging with the shortage in bus diver numbers and drivers have had to transport more students in each bus.
- Our drivers have band together and stayed positive despite the challenges and today I want to recognize them by name.
- Driving bus is such an important part of operating a school district and drivers have a tremendous responsibility
- Today I want to recognize by name our team of dedicated drivers: Erin Brown, Glen Willig, Ruth Willig, Lori Jasman, Cari West, Donna Mackey, Kim Hoodenpyle, Marcia Warren, Randy Busch, Robert Magers, Matt Schribner, Wendy Booth, Charity Hinshaw... Substitute Drivers Jonathan Welsch & Peter Ball.

# Maintenance & Trainer / Supervisor

- Nick Tucker continues to work hard tracking spreadsheet which tracks all maintenance work done on our fleet.
- He and Ron Kruse worked Friday to install our new radio system which will be a huge improvement in the safety and security of our routes and our communication with drivers and dispatch. Thanks to the board again for approval for this project.
- Charity Hinshaw continues to work diligently on a daily basis and is paramount to our success. Instrumental in the day to day operations of the department, training our new bus drivers, and overseeing the professional development of our team of bus drivers.

# **FACILITIES**

### Custodial

- Following new hires of two new full time custodians at PRE and PRJH and the addition of part time night custodians our buildings we have seen a noticeable improvement in our buildings
- Big thanks to Katie's Cleaning for all the work they did this fall to help us while we worked on bolstering our district custodial staff.
- With positions filled we are able to clean our buildings more adequately and save the district funds from reliance on contracted custodial services.

## SHOUT OUTS

- Brandon Moon
- Kevin Waggoner
- Custodial Staff

### **Near Term Projects**

- Toilet Flushers, Modules & Diaphragms
- Replacement of 6 Actuators and Valves in HS heat system
- Repaired pipe at PRE
- Electrical work at PRE, HS and JRH
- Repaired Alarm panel at PLE.
- EVCO Intercom project at HS

### Need for Comprehensive / Strategic Long Term Facilities Plan

- Importance of having a longer view, comprehensive approach towards our facilities
- Short term "fix it when it breaks" is not sustainable and will incur more costs in the long term

### Securing our Futures Grant Phase I - \$100,000

- Exterior Door Replacements at PRJH
- Digital Fingerprinting System
- Camera Upgrades
- Building Visitor Security Management Enhancements
- Security Alarm Upgrades PRE & PRLHS

### Securing our Futures Grant Phase II - \$200,000

- General updates on scope of grant
- Timeline
- Stakeholder Engagement