

W.T. White High School
Routing Issue(s)
Minutes from November 6, 2009 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

In attendance: Beth Ramirez, City of Dallas; Michael Brown, DISD; Orlando Riddick, W.T. White; Joe Black, DISD; Doug Becker, DISD; Bill Avera, DISD; Rex Cole, Dallas County Schools; Susan Falvo, Dallas County Schools.

The meeting was scheduled to address solutions to entry and exit points for student routing. Bottlenecks at Welch and Ridgeside have been noticed and several potential solutions for all concerns were discussed in length. Principal Riddick also noted the need for markings for crosswalks that are not adequately marked.

After walking the property and looking at what would be acceptable solutions, the representatives from the City of Dallas stated they would prepare materials for submission and review. They plan to have this information and materials available by the end of the month. In addition to changes in the bus staging, suggestions for parent pickup, routing and facility improvements that would assist in the solution were also addressed. Based on this information and the available space and layout for traffic flow, it was suggested that having all the buses staged in the south end of the student parking lot, utilizing the north end for student parking, separating the two areas and drawing lines for bus staging would eliminate the buses on neighboring streets. In order to utilize this area for bus staging, the sidewalk for exiting the school and the gate entering the parking area would need to be expanded and enlarged. The city and school district representatives would handle these matters. Parent parking would then be moved to the area that now has the buses staged for pick up, which would eliminate any students crossing the street to enter cars for pick up.

When plans and materials from the City have been prepared, the neighborhood and affected groups and individuals will be asked to attend a meeting to view these solutions. The date for that meeting will be decided upon completion of these materials, however, the participants in the meeting expected to have materials ready, meeting scheduled and any changes necessary made by the end of next semester.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.