



# Bemidji Homeless Advisory Team

Wednesday, November 27, 2013  
District Board Room

**Members Present:** Vince Beyl, Jolene Enerson, Stephanie Hubbard, Angie Lauderbaugh, Kathy Palm, Ken Stevens, Tami Wesely

## Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00. Angie shared the PowerPoint: *Information about Homelessness in Minnesota*, based on the Wilder Research. 46% of all homeless people are age 21 or younger, and this is true in our district too.
2. Tami and Angie provided an Evergreen update. They met with Gary Russell, and Evergreen is willing to transport students. AEC will provide more classroom time. Friday is still a concern because AEC is not available that day, and they need better curriculum resources.
3. We discussed the activities transportation. Paul Bunyan Transit said they could make some changes if we had at least 10 kids going from one spot at 5:30.
4. Angie asked about including the homeless Point People from each building at Homeless Advisory Team meetings. Kathy said the cost for seven half-day subs would be \$550.55 per meeting, and there is no funding to cover that.
5. McKinney Vento goes hand in hand with the district goals of closing the achievement gap with students.
  - a. It is not just one issue - the issue of homelessness but generally many issues that come with students who qualify and this is holding students back from achieving.
  - b. Take another look at being creative to assist at-risk students and those who are experiencing homelessness
  - c. Scenarios - MS student, transitioning students, elementary students
6. Early childhood - servicing students in pre-k programs. We do count them as 'enrolled' for McKinney Vento. Age 0-2 we report as 'served'. (Only special ed. pre-K students are counted for funding, not K-1 or preschool.)
7. We discussed having a resource center like Vince had mentioned last spring, and Angie shared ideas from one school visit.
8. Kathy shared the latest free and reduced numbers. The district percentage is 50.9%.
9. The meeting adjourned at 2:30. We did not set the next meeting date.