



## January Minutes of the NTAPT Meeting

Meeting Date: January 18, 2018

Host District: Grand Prairie ISD

Location: Outlaw's BarBQue

The January meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by NTAPT President Beverly Shannon. Grand Prairie ISD director Dana Acock welcomed everyone to Grand Prairie. Beverly thanked all vendor sponsors and asked for new attendees to stand and introduce themselves. All vendors stood and were recognized as well.

The reading of the minutes from the December meeting was waived. George Eldridge read the current treasurer's report, and the report was accepted by the members. President Elect Terry Penn thanked everyone for attending, and called for all the committee chairpersons to give a brief report. The Poster committee chair was not present. The Road-ee committee chair, Raymond Forsberg, stated that there would be a meeting the following Monday in Frisco. He asked that districts please volunteer to judge and assist at the Road-ee. He said he would be reaching out to vendors for trophies, door prizes, and possible vendor booths. Terry Penn stressed the importance of the Road-ee and district participation. Speech committee chair, Pat Garcia, mentioned the deadline for entries is the next Friday, the regional contest will be held in mid-February, and the state contest in April. Pat also mentioned that Region 10 classes can be scheduled in your district if there are enough participants registered to warrant it. Scholarship chair Tammy Loveless mentioned that the scholarship info is now updated on the website, and that all applications should be sent to Beverly.

Terry Penn reminded everyone about NTAPT officer elections coming up in April.

Brian Hopkins of Grand Prairie was the guest speaker. Brian works with students and teachers and believes in that a proactive and preventative approach is better than a re-active approach when it comes to dealing with student behavior issues. He gave a very informative presentation on different techniques for handling student behavior situations. He spoke about how behavior is learned, and is usually a result of a student's past history, and how cultures and backgrounds can affect behavior. He spoke about having a positive mindset, and how even the most effective strategies will fail to impact students without sincerity, respect, and obvious joy of working with students. He answered many questions from meeting attendees.

Terry Penn introduced vendor sponsor, Terry Schubert and Hydro-Tech. Terry Schubert told a funny story about his bus driver when he was a student, and how she was allowed to paddle

misbehaving students on her bus. (Pretty sure Terry had first- hand knowledge of that paddle...)He then introduced their speaker for the meeting, Derek Morris. Derek spoke about the importance of clean fuel and offered solutions from Hydro-Tech for testing and stabilizing fuel to prevent engine problems.

Haylee Kidd from Safety Vision spoke next about camera systems offered by Safety Vision. She said they provide wireless hardware and one of their features is a panic button that the driver can press that will mark an event during the route for future viewing.

Matt Chapin gave a short presentation for IMMI (Safe Guard) on their products, including bus seats and seatbelts offered by Safe Guard/IMMI.

After the vendor presentations were done, Beverly asked if there was any old or new business. There was none, so a blessing was made over the meal, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. Door prizes provided by the vendors were handed out during the meal.