

Tuesday's bullying meeting in Sparta was a tense one at times. Especially

with Joan Cook, chair of the personnel and initiatives committee, at the reigns. She's a 37 year veteran teacher who's seen it all. And she opened the meeting with a short lesson.

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At the end of the meeting, she stated that it takes a community to teach a child, it also takes a community to end bullying. And with an email to parents Thursday letting them know when training for school bus monitors starts, Cook said....that's a beginning to the end of bullying in Sparta.

Dear Parents

The first training opportunity for parents and community members willing to serve as volunteer bus monitors will be held on Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 3:00 PM in the second floor conference center of the Sparta Administrative and Education Center, 201 East Franklin Street. The training will focus on understanding behavior expectations, discipline procedures, district policies and techniques to assist the driver in promoting a positive environment. All volunteers will need to pass a criminal background check before being assigned to a bus. Please click on this link for more information and an application

<http://www.spartan.org/media/93426/volunteer%20bus%20monitor.pdf>

. You may register by calling the District office at 269-3151 or by emailing

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, however pre-registration is not required.