



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



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Kentfield Task Force Meeting Notes May 29, 2012

Present (8)

Wendi Kallins – Program Director for Safe Routes to School; Laura Kelly – Volunteer Liaison for Safe Routes to School; Carey Lando – Senior Transportation Planner for Marin County; Billy Cameron – Vice Principal at Bacich Elementary School; Paul Miller – Facilities Manager for Kentfield Schools; Marnie Ganong – Kent Middle School Parent Team Leader; Heather McPhail – Bacich School Parent Team Leader; Laurie O’Hara – Aide to Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice.

Attachments to notes:

1. Safety Issues List
2. Kentfield School District STP Survey

Safety Issues List

The Kentfield School District “Safety Issues List” has been a work in progress for the Task Force this year. Most of the priority issues are located closest to the school, and then the issues spread out into the neighborhood areas. Wendi wanted to confirm that list attached to these notes is our final version to be used in the grant application process. All members of the Task Force agreed that the major priorities are at the beginning of the issues list.

Wendi asked Paul what the Kentfield School District can tackle on the list regarding campus issues. Paul replied very little due to lack of school funding.

Carey said that she has started talking with her staff, but the project requests will most likely not be addressed this summer, but at the start of the next school year.

Wendi suggested creating project clusters using the final list. Issues 1-4 address the school entrance. Issues 5-8 address McAllister. Carey said that issues 1-8 is a large chunk to tackle.

Marnie said she feels that we now need the engineers to come in and review the issues and make the infrastructure improvements. Wendi said that David is our advocate with the county. He makes suggestions to the county based on his infrastructure knowledge. Wendi said the next steps are to coordinate with David Parisi and Carey's department. Talking with neighbors is another important step. Heather said neighborhood captains can help out with that.

Wendi will incorporate and fold these issues into a formal Kentfield School District Travel Plan, and then we will start developing concept plans to address the issues. Carey said David is the one to give us a green light to work together. Wendi said she will contact David when he gets back from vacation regarding moving forward by reviewing the priority areas, and then making the recommendations. Wendi asked Carey if a pathway at street level is cheaper than a sidewalk. Carey said its site specific depending on the conditions. Carey added that it doesn't look like there are any quick fixes to the issues on the list.

Heather mentioned that four students were hit by cars this past school year. Carey said police reports need to be filed so the incident goes on record. The reports documenting these collisions help gain attention in the grant approval process. Carey also mentioned that past incidents from McAllister are on file in her reports, but that only two collisions have been reported in the past 10 years.

Heather said that the chain of community emails surrounding the incidents can help the police department to document the accident. Billy said that he calls the CHP to let them know when a student is hit by a car. However, only if the CHP are on the scene, do they write something up.

Heather asked if there are any Safe Routes to School safety guidelines. Wendi said she will ask David.

Heather asked how we can find out more about scheduled repaving projects that are on the work docket. Rosebank is being repaved now, and Laurel Grove is being repaved in August. Heather said her thought is to possibly incorporate a few tweaks/improvements while the repaving is being redone. Wendi said the problem is that we don't know what the proper "fix" is. Crosswalks are not

always the solution. Enhanced crosswalks with bulb outs are what make a difference, but are expensive.

Kentfield School District STP Survey

Wendi distribute the STP survey for Task Force member to make comments and suggestions to enhance the survey. Wendi said she will incorporate the final changes and then send the survey to Mary Jo to distribute to all parents in the Kentfield School District via email. Wendi will also draft for Mary Jo a few brief remarks for parents. The survey is expected to be emailed to parents on May 31, 2012.

3. Back to School Prep Work

August 27, 2012 is the first day of school. Billy will contact Peggy Clark about scheduling Safe Routes to Schools' educational classes for 2nd and 4th graders in September 2012. The goal is to have them taught at the start of the school year to heighten awareness. Billy would also like to schedule the after school Riding with Youth class for students and their parents this school year.

A Safe Routes to School table will be set-up on Back-To-School night. Promoting Walk and Roll Wednesdays will be the push. Wendi suggested going to our website for suggestions.

Wendi approved Bacich using the scanners again for next year. Billy will also give Safe Routes to Schools presentations for both the K-1 Back to School night (August 21st), and the Second through Fifth grade Back to School night (August 29th).

Wendi mentioned that materials will be available through the Street Smarts web site to use at the start of the school year by contacting Deborah Cole at Parisi Associates. The county does not allow the use of signs on county streets. There is also a PowerPoint presentation that you can show to parents which educates about traffic safety. The presentation can also be used at a PTA meeting and/or a neighborhood association meeting. Wendi mentioned that Drive 25 'keeps kids alive' is another signage campaign to utilize.

Heather mentioned that all neighborhoods will have two captains next year.

Our next Kentfield Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m.