

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee  
March 24, 2017 Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:**

- √ **Shanti Breznau (Citizen At-Large)**
- √ **Yvonne Carpenter (Seattle Public Schools)**  
**Jen Cole, Chair (Pedestrian Safety)**  
**Brian Dougherty (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **An Huynh, Secretary (Citizen At-Large)**  
**Shannon Koller (Cascade Bicycle Club)**
- √ **Kevin O'Neill (Seattle Police Department)**
- √ **Serena Lehman (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**  
**Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)**  
**Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)**  
**Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)**

**Other Attendees:** Kailin Henley, UW student

**Other Presenters:** None

**Public Attendees:** None

**February Minutes:** Approved

**Follow up on Eagle Staff Middle School Walk Boundary**

- Walk Boundary subcommittee reconvened and discussed safe routes to school options for the new Eagle Staff campus, which is located very close to Aurora Ave. Community concerned about walking conditions.
- Subcommittee determined that middle schools just have a simple 2-miles walk boundary. Eagle Staff Middle School will still function with the 2-mile radius walk boundary, regardless of the crossing conditions at Aurora. This is the same for all middle schools in the district.
- Subcommittee conducted a walk boundary for Lichton Springs and Cascadia Elementary Schools
- Serena is following up with parent, and Richard following up with Eagle Staff principal

**Spring recruitment push for crossing guards**

- There are 32 open spots, guards are paid \$15/hr, minimum age to apply is 18
- We've received many online applications, but it is not communicated clearly online that position only require 2 hours a day
- Online job description can't be changed because it's through a different SPS department, not controlled by Yvonne

- Sometimes word of mouth is better for recruitment
- Flyers are the best form of advertisement
- Ideas for posting about crossing guard openings in West Seattle: West Seattle Blog, senior center, businesses in the junction, Alki commercial district, churches
- Applicants must pass background checks, which they have to pay for themselves (this is a financial barrier for some folks)

### **Crossing Guard updates**

- 2 new substitutes for Sandpoint, 1 new substitute for Leschi/Bailey Gazert
- New guard at Montlake, 2 new at Sandpoint, 1 new at Greenwood
- This program could benefit from a generic flyer that spells out all the requirements and responsibilities. Flyer can then be sent out to local news points, and specific details can be updated manually with schools needed

**ACTION:** Yvonne to send committee an editable flyer for crossing guard recruitment

### **Committee positions: Chair and note taker**

- Postponing until April meeting for a fuller meeting. New committee members will also be starting in April.

### **School speed camera stats**

- SDOT looked at high collision locations around the city, and specifically looked at speed camera locations around school zones. Here is a brief summary from the draft report:
- 50% drop in total collisions, pedestrian and bicycle collisions, all times of the day
- 71% drop in total collisions during the camera activation hours
- No ped/bike collisions in the after period during the camera activation times (there was only 1 each for the before period)
- It would be valuable to get press coverage around these stats.

### **Safety Camera Stats**

- Camera at Mercer Middle School has increased # of violations over the year
- February 2017 stats: three schools with the most violations = Mercer MS, Bailey Gazert (NB Boren Ave S), and Broadview Thomson (SB Greenwood Ave N)

**ACTION:** Kevin to send committee electronic copies of school speed camera stats to make comparisons easier

### **Mini grants/Incentives**

- Deadline to apply for Mini Grants is April 30, 2017, which is a Sunday.

### **Hands Up Tally Mode Survey**

- Subcommittee has met twice to discuss how to improve the response rate for schools during the annual Hands Up Tally Mode Survey.
- Average of 30% response rate
- Sharon will talk about supporting parent volunteers at her volunteer kickoff event
- The next count will be happening in June 2017
- Incentives have been used in the past (Starbucks giftcards) but that didn't seem to change the numbers for involvement
- Perhaps a non-June month might be better for teacher involvement
- There was an idea to utilize crossing guards to help with Hands Up Tally count. These folks would have already passed background checks and would already be present at the school.

**ACTION:** Serena to work with Yvonne to explore idea of involving crossing guards in supporting Hands Up Tally Mode Survey.

### **Let's Go Program Updates**

- From Shannon's email: Another pilot session of the Let's Go adaptive program is underway. Students in the medically fragile room are participating in the lesson next Wednesday; students in a focus room are receiving the instruction on Thursday.

### **Future Topics and Announcements**

- Committee positions: Decide on chair and note taker
- Meany Middle School traffic management plan

### **Public Comment**

**10:30am Adjourn**