

**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee
John Stanford Center, Room 2750
May 25th, 2018 Minutes**

STSC Attendees

- ✓ Richard Staudt (SPS)
- ✓ Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)
- ✓ Shanti Breznau, Secretary (citizen-at-large)
- ✓ Margaret McCauley (pedestrian safety advocate)
- ✓ Kevin O'Neill (SPD)
James Wells (Metro)
- ✓ Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)
- ✓ Marilyn Firman
- ✓ Lee Bruch
Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation)

Other Presenters/Public

Robin Randalls

Public comment

April 2018 Minutes: Approved

Robin Randalls to come to walk zone sub-committee.

SRTS coordinator position, agenda item for next month.

Carolyn will come to the next meeting to talk about flier distribution.

Hamlin Robinson re-route: Mitchell will reach out to the bus operator about re-routing.

August principals training will include school patrol criteria.

New Member Recruitment Update, Mary Ellen & Mitchell

2 applications for positions. Should have decision next month.

SDOT Update: SDOT SRTS Audits, Mitchell

SRTS School Audits. Intention is to have one for every school. Most promising routes for walking to school; hot spots, etc.

Robin – Sacajawea audit in process, 90th is a hot spot. Broadway Thompson (6/6), Emerson (5/31), Wing Luke (6/11). Wing Luke wanted them to look at their temporary location, SDOT preferred to do Wing Luke because of timeline. From previous STSC contact: there's a desire to move crosswalk at the N side of school. Gravel sidewalks are being encroached on by parking. What are the options? Kevin – call emergency number when cars block side right-of-way. For targeted response, SDOT must direct that. Mitchell - The audit selection process is based on school need. Issues, lack of community support.

Lee - audits should be performed prior to new school opening.

Suggested walk routes are no longer shown on walk zone maps. SDOT originated heat maps. 4yrs ago SPS conveyed address data to SDOT. SPS no longer has GPS capacity.

Marilyn & Lee approved by Mayor; must attend sub-committee for appointment.
SDOT will have a new director this fall.

SPD Crossing Guard Recruitment Updates, Kevin

Met with Yvonne; split up flier posting – Kevin posted 18; Yvonne to do 18. Yvonne heard response from multiple schools. People are responding to signs and calling in.
Felicia Cross, community outreach at SPD distributed to 1,000 Citizen Academy graduates.
Kevin went to security heads at community colleges, who said they will distribute across campus.

Bus Ads for Crossing Guard, James & Mary Ellen

Need \$3,750. SDOT will contribute half: \$1,750. Metro - ?. None from SPS or SPD.
Kevin – is this still needed? Flier posting seems to be working. We need to know what positions remain unfilled. He has list of intersections they covered and will send it to Richard to confirm with Yvonne.
The guard training occurs in August so additional posting will need to occur soon.
SDOT printed and laminated last batch. Mitchell will do new batch. An SDOT has new group of interns that could assist with posting.

Richard - Can SPS Transportation post to STSC have rotation of who attends STSC? This would be Yvonne, Stephen Jone, and Steven Richard.

Actions: _ Decision to table bus campaign until next year given cost, issues regarding advertising for SPS guards on buses that pass through other districts, and how well the response to Kevin & Yvonne's flier postings has gone.
_ Mitchell to print and laminate new posters with interns (June).
_ Yvonne needs to send list of intersections still in need of crossing guards that were not covered by recent flier postings. Richard to follow-up with Yvonne regarding list of guards that were not covered by recent flier postings.
_ SPS Transportation to start rotating STSC attendance among Steven, Steven & Yvonne.

Crossing Guard & Signage Updates, Richard for Yvonne

Richard with update for Yvonne. There are new guards at Aki Kurose/MLK, Genesee Hill and Arbor Heights!

May Bike-to-School, September bike activities, Mary Ellen

Promoting biking to school in May not be effective. Would September work better? Too much going on with start of school. Cascade Bikes in-school biking program happens across the school year. What about combining with Walk-to-School in October and adding biking to all those promotions? Lee – because of summer biking, it makes sense to have May promotion. Inconclusive discussion.

Action: Table discussion for later.

Superintendent and School Board Outreach, Margaret

School Board member Eden Mack asked what is STSC supposed to be doing? Website could explain better; our role is posted there. 80 committees advise school. Why should she pay attention STSC?

What does the Committee want to talk to the Board or Superintendent about? STS Coordinator, crossing guards.

Probably best to focus on Jill Geary and Rick Burk, rather than Eden Mack.

Better strategy to attend public meetings, approach as constituents.

Money started coming in in January from bus stop paddle tickets, dedicated to 2-tier bussing. What can be expected for school traffic safety issues? Paddle ticketing revenue is new and has unpredictable flow; they don't know yet how much they'll have. Sometime this summer, they'll will be a sense.

Action: Articulating STSC's case to SPS to be an agenda item for next month.

Hale/JAMS Traffic Safety Zone 35th NE & 115th, Richard

Parents request - could there be a curb bulb, or temp. curb bulb? These proposed improvements wouldn't have prevented this. Rectilinear intersection with full signal.

Action: Mitchell to take back to Operations for review and look at conditions. Kevin adding to hot spots list.

Future Topics:

_ "No Schoolbus? No Problem" flier distribution follow-up and lessons learned

_ Toolkit for schools to make traffic plans, further out

_ Roosevelt Portables (June & July)

_ Fairmount Park crossing guard

_ SPS advocacy platform

[These cannot all fit on June agenda.]

_ Kevin - 90th & Aurora – no school signs, WSDOT road. Left hand turn super quick; too short for bus.

Recommended to move crossing guard from 92nd. Most kids using 90th. Maybe WDOT rep could come (John White, administrator, Lee will ask if there is staff who can come). Maybe July meeting?