

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
January 23, 2012 12:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on January 23, 2012 at 12:00 p.m., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

Present:	Champion:	Debra Mayeux
	Members:	Joe Delmagori Steve Krest June Markle Sergeant Dave Monfils Vicki Whitaker
Absent:	Members:	Pat Cordell Jeff Treat Shawn Lyle Candace Young William Young

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Debra Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION:

The original scheduled meeting date of January 16 was changed due to the Martin Luther King holiday on that day.

Mrs. Mayeux asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2011 meeting. Mr. Krest moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Delmagori seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff: Apache Elementary has implemented a Health and Wellness Committee and they want to incorporate and encourage walking in this new program. Mrs. Braff contacted Mrs. Mayeux to meet with the Committee about promoting a walking program for the school and Mrs. Mayeux is scheduled to speak to the group on January 26, 2012.

McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dixel: Mrs. Mayeux said that she has not heard from McKinley Elementary since school resumed following the Christmas holiday. She is hopeful that Amanda DeWees can begin attending our meetings and be willing to become the parent volunteer for McKinley.

Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya: Mrs. Mayeux stated that Jeff Treat continues to be self-sufficient with SRTS activities at Mesa Verde. She plans to touch base with Mr. Treat and Mrs. Sosaya very soon. Mrs. Mayeux reported that Mr. Treat is staying in touch via e-mail and plans to attend the Committee meetings as he is able.

Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson: Mrs. Mayeux said the “no cell phone zone” stickers have been designed and printed. A friend of Mrs. Mayeux did the sticker design artwork at no cost to SRTS.

All that needs to be finished up is to install and unveil the street signs. Mrs. Mayeux would like to have a school assembly and ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the program once the signs are ready. The Farmington Chamber of Commerce Redcoats have agreed to participate in the ribbon cutting. Mrs. Mayeux will work with Mr. Jackson to select a date for this event.

Mrs. Mayeux had hoped to distribute the pledges to parents during parent/teacher conferences in early February, but due to a schedule conflict, she is unable to do so. Getting the pledges distributed is something we need to accomplish to coincide with the kick-off assembly.

Report of Champion Efforts: Mrs. Mayeux recommended that Wednesday, April 18 be named the spring Walk to School Day. She also hopes to tie this into New Mexico’s centennial celebration. She will have more information on these efforts in upcoming meetings.

Following the April Walk to School Day, Mrs. Mayeux would like to have the first ever Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 9. This would then become an annual event.

Education: Mrs. Mayeux showed Committee members the Walking School Bus flyer developed by the New Mexico SRTS Committee. She wants to present this information at PTA meetings to inspire parents and encourage them to take ownership of the program.

Mr. Krest will add Mrs. Mayeux’s e-mail and cell phone to the flyer and then get it printed. Mrs. Mayeux will then post the flyer at the schools.

Encouragement: No report.

Enforcement: Sergeant Monfils reported that he is building his unit and they are actively working school zones and addressing enforcement issues.

Engineering: Mr. Krest reported that he had met with Tracy Lawing in Shiprock last month and drew up some plans. She was appreciative of the assistance.

Mr. Krest met with Billy Huish and James Barfoot to review the walking districts for the 10 elementary schools. They will be working to revise and redistrict the walking boundary maps.

With the winter weather, there has been no maintenance action since the last meeting.

Mr. Krest reported that the preliminary engineering for Phase 2 projects has been completed and sent to the State for their review.

Evaluation: Mr. Delmagori said the spring school counts would be scheduled for April. Mrs. Mayeux asked if they could be coordinated with the Walk to School Day on April 18. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and MPO staff will plan on taking counts at two of the four elementary schools that week.

Mrs. Mayeux was asked if she had received any feedback on the change in meeting day and time. Several of those who had been absent indicated that the new day and time would work for them; however, no consistently absent members were present at this meeting.

With the next regularly scheduled meeting date falling on the President's Day holiday, the SRTS Committee will meet on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.