

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
October 5, 2011 - 3:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on October 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Debra Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION:

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

Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff: Mrs. Mayeux and the school resource officer have been unable to contact Mrs. Braff. Mr. Delmagori and Ms. Markle handed out awards to those students who walked to Apache on October 5th, International Walk to School Day.

Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson: Mrs. Mayeux along with several parents and teachers distributed awards to Ladera students who walked on Walk to School Day. Turnout was good and students were aware that it was Walk to School Day.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the “no cell phone zone” pledge written by the 5th grade gifted students at Ladera. Mrs. Mayeux will present the final pledge to the Farmington City Council for approval at their October 25th meeting. After the City Council and the Farmington School Board have approved the pledge, there will be a contest at Ladera to design the artwork for the sign and sticker. Once everything has been finalized, the pledge will be made available on-line.

McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dixel: Mr. Krest and McKinley Elementary school teachers handed out awards to McKinley students who walked to school on October 5th, International Walk to School Day. Mr. Krest commented that few students were aware it was Walk to School Day.

McKinley Elementary is still planning to host the Walking School Bus training which is scheduled for November 3rd. The Committee members recommended the names of a few caterers for Mrs. Mayeux to provide to UNM who has volunteered to provide the snacks and lunch for the training. Mrs. Mayeux asked if Mr. Delmagori would contact potential regional attendees including a representative from Central Consolidated School District as they are interested in learning more about SRTS. The class is open to 15-20 attendees and those planning to attend need to register.

Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya: Mr. Treat reported that, as in the past, the International Walk to School Day was a big event at Mesa Verde. The school buses dropped off the bus students at San Juan College and everyone walked back down College Boulevard to Mesa Verde. He also reported that police officers were present to alert drivers and ensure the traffic slowed down.

Staff and children at San Juan College's Child Development Center also participated in the International Walk to School Day.

Education:

Mrs. Mayeux reported the City of Farmington had issued a proclamation for the International Walk to School Day.

Mrs. Mayeux stated that during the past month, she has spoken on several radio shows, had lunch with City Councilor Mary Fisher to discuss SRTS, and spoke to the Farmington Rotary Club. She also has plans to speak to the Tres Rios Rotary Club next week.

Encouragement: Mrs. Mayeux reported of a new effort to encourage people to shop locally and that part of this endeavor would be to make walking in downtown Farmington friendlier.

Sam's Club is hosting a Safety Day later in October and asked if SRTS would like to participate. Mrs. Mayeux said would be willing to participate, but she needed more SRTS flyers.

Mrs. Mayeux asked if there was interest in inviting two new members to join the Committee. Ms. Sharon Brown is an educator at San Juan College and walks her children to school – rain or shine. The other prospective new member is Mr. Daniel Diswood, owner of SNS Skate Shop. He would like to see students using their skateboards to get to school, but the schools will need to provide a place for the students to store their boards during the school day. Also discussed was the need to encourage the use of helmets while riding a skateboard. Mr. Diswood is not able to attend meetings during the school year due to business demands, but is willing to help with other SRTS activities/events. The Committee agreed to invite both Ms. Brown and Mr. Diswood to join the SRTS Committee.

Engineering: Mr. Krest has distributed the new bike map to 25-30 locations around the City. The map turned out very well and provides much information and detail of the bike trails in the area.

Mr. Krest stated that his department has been busy with other concerns and work on re-marking the school cross walks remains at about 90-95% complete.

Mr. Krest and Mr. Treat will schedule a meeting with Principal Sosaya to discuss potential remedies and options for Mesa Verde's student drop-off zones.

Evaluation:

Mr. Delmagori reported that student arrival counts had been completed at the four Farmington "Walk & Roll" schools during September. The counts were approximately the same as they had been in the spring for all the schools. On September 13th, McKinley Elementary hit an all time high for a single day's count with 175 walkers. Mr. Delmagori mentioned that he would send out the student arrival reports to the school principals.

The next SRTS meeting will be November 16, 2011 at 3:00 pm at the Civic Center.

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.