

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
January 19, 2010 - 10:30 A.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on January 19, 2010 at 10:30 A.M, in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St, Farmington, New Mexico.

Present: Members: Steve Krest
Katherine Lucero
Joe Delmagori
Martin Lucero
Officer Tyson
Lieutenant Hardy

Absent: Members: Amanda DeWees
Sergeant Taft Tracy
Marilee Herman
Diana Lang

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Steve Krest and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION

Steve Krest called the meeting to order and asked for any changes to the minutes for the November 17, 2009 meeting. Steve indicated that he had various corrections for the minutes and asked if he could meet with Mrs. Moore from the FMPO to revise the minutes accordingly. With additional corrections, additions, or deletions the minutes were approved as revised.

Steve then directed the meeting by discussing the need for a new coordinator and champion. He indicated that he had someone in mind, however she was out of town and could not make the meeting. He indicated that he was still in the evaluation process so if the committee found someone that would be interested in the position to call him. Steve explained the hours needed to be worked for the position and the wage. It was made clear that the position is very flexible.

Steve then discussed that the Phase II applications had been submitted and that he had put together a cost package for the Apache School project. He has already received a response from the State SRTS Coordinator Jessica Frost that they are currently not accepting any additional Phase II applications. Mrs. Frost also indicated that sometime in February or March she might be able to provide some additional information on when they will begin to accept applications again.

Mrs. Lucero then indicated that the principal at McKinley Elementary was gathering together a committee of individuals to discuss the drop off and access elements of the school's new campus. To help facilitate the discussion Mrs. Lucero sent over an aerial of the new campus to Mrs. Frost for comments. Mrs. Frost has returned her comments and overall the comments were very productive. The principal has requested that Mrs. Lucero present any comments from Mrs. Frost and the committees at the McKinley March Parent Meeting. Lucero indicated that the situation at McKinley Elementary has

really improved during the course of this school year. The principal has really emphasized the no parking regulation along Tyckson and the other various no parking zones and has a teacher dedicated to helping the students cross at the crosswalk located at Monterey and Boyd. Mrs. Lucero is to bring a copy of the school's aerial map to the next meeting in February to gather comments from the committee. The school is also going to have a Parent-Teacher Night on April 17th to discuss various items. The principal has requested that the committee present the SRTS findings and issues regarding the walking routes and the campus layout. Officer Tyson indicated that he would not be able to attend the April 17th meeting and suggested the 9th or the 23rd.

Mrs. Lucero also indicated that she needs the 100 mile club T-shirts that they had agreed to get as a reward for the walking programs. She indicated that it was also necessary to start setting up the times for the school parties at the Aquatic Center for the participants of the walk across America.

Steve then indicated that Lori had sent an email that the 4th grader that has taken on Mesa Verde needed some help. She has been getting some opposition from the teachers at the school. Lori also indicated that once she is able to set up her internet phone she was going to get back with the various businesses in the area for the rewards.

There was a discussion about the bike racks for the various schools. Steve indicated that he would be able to make those orders. McKinley Elementary was in need of at least two bike racks.

The discussion then was directed to the parent surveys completed for each school. Joe Delmagori indicated that Lori had emailed him a link to the results from the surveys and that he could get the link out to the appropriate school representatives.

The committee discussed ways to increase the involvement in the program again and it was concluded that a Spring Walk to School Day would help reestablish the walking programs. In correlation with the walk to school day, the MPO will help the schools take walking counts starting the last week in April and into May to evaluate the progress the schools have made.

Steve Krest then discussed his progress with meeting with Jay Burnham to write a new City Ordinance to keep the sidewalks clear of obstructions. It has been decided that the City Attorney office will hold off on bringing this forward until the elections have concluded in March. This will help in possibly working through any issues that may arise from the ordinance.

Steve then asked for clarification on the reason for having background checks and asked for whom should they be done. Lieutenant Hardy indicated that they could be done for anyone and that they are good for two years. Mrs. Lucero indicated that originally they were discussed for the parents that were going to lead the school bus groups and that they were not needed for the individuals that were just going to be involved with counting the students as they do not have any direct contact. A list of the individuals that need background checks was requested from the schools.

A discussion then ensued concerning the rewards for the various clubs. The 25 mile has been using the pencils and reflectors left over from the International Walk to School Day. The 25 mile club did not need any additional rewards. The 50 mile club is using the

water bottles that were left over from the bike rodeos. The 100 mile club needs t-shirts and certificates. It was suggested that maybe movie passes could be used as rewards. Steve agreed to come by the MPO to review the t-shirt design developed by the MPO staff.

Steve indicated that he will begin neighborhood evaluation and felt that McKinley Elementary would be a good one to start with as they are concluding the construction of their new facilities. This evaluation could be done in correlation with the parent meeting. The City engineering department is to head the neighborhood evaluation.

Next meeting will be held on February 16, 2010 at the Civic Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26am.