

## Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee August 26, 2016 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)**
- Rich O'Neill (Seattle Police Department)**
- Ashley Rhead (Seattle Dept. of Transportation)**
- √ **Alyssa Smith (Parent Representative)**
- √ **Richard Staudt (Seattle Public Schools)**
- √ **Cathy Tuttle (Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Citizen At-Large)**

**Other Presenters:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of July Minutes:** APPROVED with revisions

### Walk to School Month Preview

- Walk to School Month is in October. Registration is open for Walktober:  
<http://www.feetfirst.org/walktober-walk-to-work>
- October is also when SRTS mini grants are due – opens October 1st:  
[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped\\_srts\\_grant.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ped_srts_grant.htm)
- The legislation to reduce speeds in residential zones to 20 mph is Mayor dependent. Speeds in arterials streets would be reduced as needed. Reducing speeds in residential zones would include many schools.
- There will be a joint press event between the Mayor and superintendent about walk and bike education. No tentative dates yet.  
**ACTION:** Brian Dougherty to send Richard Staudt a blurb about Walk to School Month (include information about registration and mini grants) and links to the Principal Communicator (weekly newsletter)

### Clint Loper Letter Completion

- The entire committee has now reviewed Alyssa's letter
- The letter will be signed by just Committee Chair from now on, representing the STSC

**ACTION:** Alyssa Smith to send completed letter to An Huynh before uploading minutes

### Hands-up Tally Details

- There has been a large drop of schools participating in the Hands-up Tally. Usually principals have asked teachers to asks their classrooms how they got to school. This system could potentially be improved in various ways:
- There is a Wellnet online tracking system that allows teachers to easily record how their kids get to school
- The tally could reach out to P.E. teachers to count instead of homeroom teachers.
- The Cascade program could incorporate the count into its routine – There is potential to get more data this way

- The entire committee has now reviewed the letter
- The letter will be signed by Committee Chair

### **Walk Boundary Sub-committee Update**

- The sub-committee is working on how to make school walk boundaries more consistent. The work is starting from the Southeast corner of Seattle and progressing outward.
- Ground rules include idea that safe walk boundaries should not matter where attendance boundary currently lies. The sub-committee also reviews the consistency of walk boundaries from one school to the other.
- The sub-committee needs to develop a robust communication plan early before people are registering for schools in February. Provide parents and guardians tools to identify walking school bus opportunities and school pool resources.
- Sub-committee will be looking for full STSC committee to review the proposed changes. Maps are to be updated by mid-October.

### **Let's Go Program (formerly Basic of Bicycling) – Updates**

- The program has a new name: Let's Go Program
- First teacher trainings took place in Edmonds School District in August
- Cascade is hiring a part-time field staff to work with teachers
- The program will encounter all P.E. teachers on Monday. Half of schools are on board right now. Cascade will try to recruit the other half of schools to the program.
- There will be 5-6 teacher trainings for Seattle Public Schools over the coming months

### **Traffic Stats**

- There are no stats this month
- FYI: Broadview Thomson cameras won't be working first day of school

### **Crossing Guard Updates (submitted in writing by Yvonne Carpenter)**

- Hazel Wolf has done a great job of recruiting and Yvonne has had many calls and two applications
- The committee discussed if there was a way for the crossing guard data to show ongoing vacancies and to have a more streamlined communication plan about vacancies
- The Parks department has temporary employees that crossing guard appointments could potentially help fill
- Committee was wondering if there is language proficiency requirement for crossing guards. **ACTION:** Richard Staudt to ask Yvonne Carpenter about more usable stats related to crossing guard vacancies. Richard to also check with Yvonne about language proficiency requirement for crossing guards.

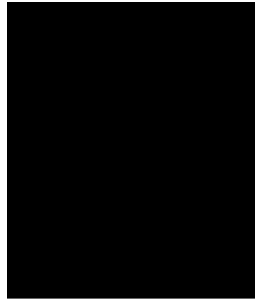
### **Future Topics and Announcements**

- Ashley will be on maternity leave for the near future. There will be a temporary replacement attending meetings in her place.

### **10:30am Adjourn**



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Dear Director Kubly and Mr. Dougherty,

We are writing to propose that the SDOT Mini Grant Program be renamed in honor of Clint Loper, a Seattle citizen who made great contributions to Safe Routes to School in our city. Clint Loper, who passed away suddenly in the spring of 2016, was a champion of walking and biking to school. As a Seattle Public School parent, he was the force behind the notable bike-to-school programs at Bryant Elementary and Eckstein Middle School.

Clint's vision of kids biking and walking to school was not limited to NE Seattle; he coached/mentored the inception of programs at Denny International M.S., Loyal Heights, West Woodland, John Stanford International and Whittier Elementary Schools. He helped found a community/parent run organization called Walk.Bike.Schools to provide

Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools Jose Banda to discuss walking and biking programs and pushed for expansion and improvements in the crossing guard program.

He was an active member and co-chair of Seattle's Bicycle Advisory Board, advising city staff and officials on projects, policies, and programs that affect bicycling conditions throughout Seattle. During his tenure, the Board advocated for improved safety on Rainier Avenue S and pushed for complete funding of the Bicycle Master Plan to ensure the safety of all Seattleites who elect to use active transportation. He also served on the School Road Safety Taskforce and with NE Seattle Greenways.

To celebrate Clint Loper's life and the outstanding contributions he made to further safe conditions for active transportation in the City of Seattle, we hereby propose that the Safe Routes to School Mini Grant awards from SDOT be renamed in his honor.

Sincerely,