**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**June 12, 2015 Minutes**

**Attendees**

Members: Elaine Albertson, Yvonne Carpenter, Jen Cole, Brian Dougherty, Ashley Harris, Richard Staudt, Cathy Tuttle

Public Attendees: None

Other Attendees and Presenters: None

**Public Comment:** None

**May Minutes:**

Will approve at later date.

**Finalize Criteria for Adult Crossing Guard Assignments**

* Reviewed adult crossing guard criteria. Discussion of how the committee and other stakeholders can use these criteria to identify additional locations for crossing guards.
* Reviewed the sample student population density heat map provided by Seattle Public Schools.
* Discussed specific crossing guard criteria. Some fields can be calculated using GIS, while others have to be collected in the field.
* Would probably be making any changes to crossing guards in fall of the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion of how to communicate with families.
* Discussion of how to allocate guards, how to move guards between schools, and how to fairly allocate guards given constraints on current number of guards.
* Discussion of barriers to recruitment of crossing guards, and related alternatives including student patrol with adult supervision.
* Discussion of adding criteria: potential number of students crossing, from the student population density heat map; public housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV, formerly Section 8) density; 85th percentile speed.
* Motion to approve crossing guard criteria was seconded. Crossing guard criteria approved by committee.

**Wedgwood Walk Boundary**

* Discussion of constituent letter and walk zone at Wedgwood Elementary.
* If the recommended walking route is over one mile, would they still be in the walk zone? How could this be calculated?
* Discussion of Wedgwood Elementary walking map. Will be revised when new walking maps are produced. The new map will show where there is a sidewalk and where there is no sidewalk.
* One option is to get parent and community feedback on the walking maps. Historical maps with community mark-up are available.
* Discussion of walk boundary for APP at Lincoln. Walk zone ends at 45th. If there was a crossing guard, it’s possible the walk boundary could merit reevaluation.

**Van Asselt Traffic Circulation**

* Discussion of traffic circulation at Van Asselt Elementary. There is a need to balance buses, car drop-off, and parking. Discussion of potential alterations to traffic flow, and limitations on establishing a temporary one-way.
* Options may include signage, load zones, sandwich boards, and cones.

**Action Items for Van Asselt Traffic Circulation**

* Communicate committee recommendations to the school.

**Mode Choice Tally Sheets**

* Results are coming in. Have received results from 15-20 schools so far.
* Jen Cole has the hard copies from the schools who have Safe Routes to School grants. Yvonne Carpenter has the responses from the other schools.

**Future Topics and Announcements**

* Discussion of committee staff transitions. Michele Drorbaugh has vacated the committee due to a job transition. Jen Cole is also going through a job transition, but will remain on the committee.
* Discussion of stop paddles. Barriers to implementation include contracts and funding. Proposal to invite Kathy Katterhagen to a future meeting.
* Crossing guard announcement is that a guard who was struck by a vehicle has now returned.
* Decision to hold next meeting on Friday, August 21.

**Action Items for Future Topics and Announcements**

* Mark your calendars for the next meeting on Friday, August 21.

**10:30am Adjourn**