**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2760**

**November 30, 2018 Minutes**

**STSC Attendees**

Richard Staudt (SPS)

Mary Ellen Russell, Chair (parent volunteer)

Shanti Breznau, Secretary (citizen-at-large)

Margaret McCauley (pedestrian safety advocate)

Kevin O’Neill (SPD)

James Wells (Metro)

Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)

Marilyn Firman

Lee Bruch

* Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation crossing guard manager)
* Stephen Jones (SPS transportation bus manager)

**Other Presenters/Public**

Robin Randels

**Public comment**
None.

**October 2018 Minutes: Approved**
**Action item** - Shanti will take City training

Several schools have unqualified people directing traffic and crossing students. How to communicate with schools to prevent this? Future topic.

Stephen is continuing to work on streamlining online crossing guard application.

Sean Girvin may be able to help explain charges coming out of bus paddle funds.

There has been a recent org change. Kathy Katterhagen and Sean Girvin are now in ‘Logistics’. This includes publishing services, warehouse, and science lab. An exit conversation with her and new interim director for Transportation Bruce Skowyra.

**Action** – Stephen will get clarification on the large fees paid to ATS from stop paddle funds.

**Thornton Creek Crossing Guards Follow Up**New crossing guards at 32nd & Raye, Catherine Blaine.

New guard at Maple and Sanislo, 16th and Myrtle.

View Ridge AM crossing guard is officially onboarded. He is now doing Thornton Creek in the PM, at 77th.

New guard at West Seattle.

Lost a guard at Hazel Wolf. There was a stalker harassing the guard. This guard is working split AM and PM at two different posts. SPD has been made aware of this, has been patrolling.

Three more guards getting on-boarded at next training. Several more applications still need to be processed.

Currently 69 regular guards, 2 substitutes. 42 open posts.

Stephen has instituted a policy where guards check in and out with the schools at start and end of each shift. There has been issue with a specific guard checking in and then leaving.

**School Traffic Audits – Robin Randels**Robin is contracting w/ Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, SDOT is ultimate client. The goal is to study and evaluate, not prescribe. SDOT will use this info assess where improvements are needed.

Big takeaway is that safe walking corridors are needed, not just spot improvements. More crossings at arterials are needed. In areas without sidewalks reorganizing the neighborhood parking to make space for walkers.

**Action:** \_Stephen will check with Paula to make sure new maps have been posted, Robin has updated walk maps for her report.

**Action:** \_Robin will send pdf’s of final reports to committee.

**Transportation Task Force Recommendations – Stephen Jones**

SPED routes are often left open because there aren’t enough experienced drivers, less experienced drivers are typically assigned to gen ed routes.

**Action:** \_Stephen will email digital copy of task force summary to Mary Ellen for records.

**Action:** \_Mary Ellen will reach out to Pegi McEvoy with follow up about recommendations, ask if changes are coming out of this. Will this report be released as a public document.

Stephen: 22,000 are qualified to be bused this year, out of 54,000 total. Fewer students actually ride the bus.

**Annual Report
Action:** \_Margaret Add bus info – running about 40 drivers short every day. Adding crossing guards could reduce routes needed.

**Action: \_**Mary Ellen to follow up with Mitchell about scheduling report presentation with City Council Transportation Sub-committee.

**Future Topics:**

* Crossing guard recruitment process – How to keep things from stalling when Yvonne is unavailable, get recruitment posters put up whenever there is a vacancy, increase pay to match bus monitors
* SDOT street improvement requirements for schools – avoid schools paying for delivery truck turnarounds, focus school traffic studies on pedestrian safety instead of commuter capacity
* Annual Report to City Council
* Open committee position
* Superintendent & City Council outreach – new chief of operations coming mid-January
* SDOT Survey results report (Mitchell) possible to incorporate into annual report?
* Toolkit for schools to make traffic plans
* Speed Camera update with year over year comparison

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**Action:** \_SDOT’s complete assessment anticipated for early summer 2019. Dongho will return to give full assessment

Next meeting: Friday December 21st