**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2765**

**June 22nd, 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
* Steve Jones (SPS transportation manager)

Yvonne Carpenter (SPS transportation)

**Other Presenters/Public**

Robin Randalls
Carolyn Birkenfeld

**Public comment**
Robin compiling audits, to be finished end of October.

**May 2018 Minutes: Approved**
Mitchell received list of intersections to target for posting guard fliers.

STSC will look at Bike to School later this summer.

**New Member Recruitment Update, Mary Ellen**One open citizen-at-large position remaining; two applicants, one not a great fit. Another interview today. Position targets southeast. Lee might have someone.

**SDOT Update & Follow-up on Nathan Hale/JAMS, Mitchell**\_Vision Zero implementation plan update; finished late August/early September. Review process underway. SRTS is not a separate objective within Vision Zero. Proximity to school is a factor in analysis and prioritization. When is over-all ped plan to be over-hauled? No change in walk-to-school shed.
\_Pothole blitz over the summer.
\_June: Ride Transit month. Grade-level safety around light rail.
\_Nathan Hale/JAMS. Transpo meetings jam-packed; didn’t make it on agenda. Any conversations on free right turn on red dangers? No policy changes coming; just conversation. Would be education campaign, not infrastructure changes. No public appetite for this. SPD enforcement priority?

**SPD Crossing Guard Recruitment Updates, Kevin not present**\_New recruit for TOPS couldn’t make last training. Next training date TBD. Need to go shadow other guards. No guards during summer.
\_Four new guards trained from signs: One for Bagley at Aurora & 80th. One for Eaglelstaff at 92nd (was supposed to be temporary; would place 2 at 92nd and two at 90th. One for Loyal Heights at 24th & 80th. One for John Stanford at 40th & 2nd.
\_36 open positions (15 not desperate; not sure how currently well used). 77 filled. These are for the positions approved long ago. With new list from sub-committee, probably 50 positions open.
\_Recruitment happens via word of mouth.

**Crossing Guard Updates/Fliers, Yvonne not present**No Yvonne. Mitchell - new interns last week; fliers being produced.
Carolyn – was authorized? No, just proceeded.

**Parent Flier Walk/Bike Resources Distribution Lessons Learned, Carolyn**Included school pool, mini-grants, intersection improvements, engineering toolkit, links to resources.
Unsure of whose name goes on flier. To include SDOT, would have to go through their graphics. Never got list of schools for distribution. Tried to get on SPS Transportation Dept website; staff was going to post, but without SDOT’s name couldn’t post. So then SPS Public Affairs (Paula) – approved through SPS flier process. Was to distribute through Public Affairs to all principals. Maybe Paula’s in Transportation? PDF ADA accessibility (Adobe). So didn’t get out as early as intended.
\_Senior capstone project at UW on WSB; will send to Robin. Lee - Eaglestone parents interested in WSB.
\_Richard – walk zone changes not implemented for 2018/19. Paula didn’t make changes to maps; bus service not changing.
\_Will try again next year.

**Steve Jones**
Two tier routes information wasn’t transferred to transportation until very late. Difficulty hiring drivers. 20 routes open a day. Rough year with bussing. Labor shortage; shrinking entry-level pool across industries. Stop Paddle funds? Steve – school crossing guards was his understanding for prioritization. SRTS coordinator as paid position.

Mary Ellen - Bus patterns are not efficient due to assignment plans; circle perimeter. Want to promote planning for consolidation. Steve – with kids close to edges of walk zones, there may be kids in protected federal programs that impact route activity.

**Funding Priorities Document, Mary Ellen**Richard - School zone safety projects.
\_Buses not fully reimbursed by state due to their definitions of inefficiency. 81% of costs reimbursed due to density; according to state, don’t get enough kids per stop. Denise Mackleany (Steve).
\_Richard trying to get revenue numbers; not even the $1.3M because of SPD/courts waiver of ticket fees. Is it due to first time waiver (King County Sheriff); court level. ADT determines violation.
\_Steve - Denis said $633,000 YTD in revenues. Budgeted for crossing guard needs. Difficult to project. First time chance. Shawn Girvin is coordinating this (fleet manager in transpo.) Fills crossing guard funding gap due to City not coming through.

**Action**: \_Steve & Richard will coordinate.
\_Steve will talk to Denise about providing full picture of crossing guard funding sources and uses.

**Roosevelt HS Portables, Richard**\_Project manager for portable construction. Hefron, the transportation engineering firm, has provided recommendations.
\_Departure granted with 9 conditions including SDOT coordination and review at STSC. Construction of portables at school puts parking further into neighborhoods. Push-back from neighbors. Parking violations. Is it properly signed? Part of larger construction boom around school; 16 pipeline projects. Light rail construction.
\_Richard – STSC has looked at walkway oriented toward mid-block (2006), where SDOT won’t put in mid-block crossing. [Now, school design comes here first.] 2021 opening. NE corner of site (15th and 68th). Kids crossing unsafely there; STSC worked with SDOT for better signage. Drop-off on all four sides of school; Hefron said this is most efficient – not recommended to create one drop-off. 800ft distance from school is analyzed for parking count.
\_STSC helps develop recommended circulation plan.
\_Enforcement is issue.
\_No new review of flow because portables being dropped in don’t trigger. Departure process triggered review.
\_Similar to Concord. Developed designated drop-off etc. plan.
\_Flipping 66th and 68th would alleviate pressure. Committee couldn’t come up with better circulation ideas; more about how to make crossings safer via signage.
\_Lee – overgrowth issues. If traffic study can look at whole area, not just immediate area.
\_North lot parking lot displacement only until June 2019.

**Action:** \_ Mitchell to see if SDOT operations can look and see what could be improved.
\_Ask Kevin if Roosevelt can get on list of hot spots.
\_Agenda item for next month, will bring map and traffic study.

**Future Topics:**Roosevelt HS
Speed tickets update
Toolkit for schools
WSDOT for Aurora assessment, for July with back-up in August.
Follow-up from path through vegetation at school. Self-help program manager.
Annual report to city council/Board ? Suggestion from SPD.