**Seattle School Traffic Safety Committee**

**John Stanford Center, Room 2750**

**DRAFT March 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’Neal (SPD)

* James Wells (Metro)
* Mitchell Lloyd (SDOT)

Carolyn Birkenfeld

**Public comment**

No comments

**February 2018 Minutes: Approved**  
**Continuing Actions:**

**Action:** Richard will check in with View Ridge Elementary to make sure that the student patrol is following the district’s policy and state law.

**Action:** Walk Maps have been finalized without opening new walk boundaries. Richard and Mary Ellen will work with sub-committee to clarify the decision making process to ensure that committee decisions are implemented, and that any changes to committee decisions are discussed in advance of implementation.

**Action**: Margaret will write letter to Chief Best supporting policy of making school traffic the priority between 7:00 and 9:00 AM.

**Action**: Mitchell to follow up with City Council on resources for the Committee and whether we should be reporting to City Council on an annual basis, sending report, etc.

Action: Margaret will begin work to provide financial analysis of opening new intersections because fewer busses would be needed.

Richard asks James to take a look at whether Metro can move bus stop at Magnolia Elementary School to allow for bus loading in front of the school.

**New Member Recruitment, Mary Ellen**

Lee Bruch and Marilyn Firman will both be joining as member-at-large. Committee would like final open position to be recruited from SE Seattle.

**Action:** Mitchell to begin ramp-up process for Marilyn and Lee. Mitchell will re-configure open positions to make member-at-large positions open.

**Action:** Richard to promote the idea of possible student involvement at Franklin.

**Action:** Mary Ellen to write letter to the editor to South Seattle Emerald.

**Action:** Margaret to talk to contact at Franklin High School.

**Action:** James will ask Metro marketing if they can post ads on busses for the committee position, and also post ads on bulletin boards at grocery stores, etc., in SE Seattle.

**Action:** Kevin is working to schedule a meeting with Captain Hayes, has this occurred?

**SDOT Updates, Mitchell**

RRFBs are back! Flashing beacons can be used again, they are no longer patent restricted.

SRTS Racial Equity Analysis survey is kicking off! This is a planning tool to recognize barriers to walking to school with emphasis around racial equity (not socio-economic in this case). Intended result is report to influence 5 year action plan. This is a City wide survey with outreach at schools. This is focused on under-served communities, will not be distributed to all schools.

**Action:** Mitchell will present survey and survey results to committee. Survey will be run until end of May.

Ongoing issue: how to get more information district wide about how kids get to school? Can this kind of survey be used district wide in a future year?

Move Seattle Levy Reset: a second look at the goals of Move Seattle to make sure that there is enough funding to meet the intended goal and make adjustments as needed. Funding is not enough to achieve original goals, goals will be scaled back, projects combined and intensity reduced.

**Crossing Guard Recruitment**

Sandwich board signs have been printed and laminated! Carolyn used a smaller size than we had hoped because that is the biggest size SDOT can do. SPS has a large scale lamination machine. Richard mentioned another waterproof printing method used for drinking fountain signs. We will use the current size for now and see how it goes.

New guard at Aki says people aren’t used to crossing guard, don’t wait for guard yet.

New guard at Hazel Wolf, not many pedestrians yet.

Guard at Robert Eagle Staff sent KUOW article about walking along Aurora Ave as a pedestrian.

It would be helpful if a red light camera could be installed at 92nd and Aurora. Margaret brought up that there is a state law that limits the total number of red-light cameras allowed in the state. This law would need to be overturned to install more cameras.

Marilyn brought up Yakima’s model of property tax relief for seniors who volunteer as crossing guards.

**Action:** Marilyn will research how this works and report to committee.

**Action:** James will ask Metro marketing if they can post crossing guard ads on busses.

**Action:** Yvonne will post laminated signs on sandwich boards and/or light poles.

**Mercer Middle School**

A Doctor at the VA center contacted Richard about traffic issues related to illegally parked cars across the street from the school. The cars are blocking the bike path to park and kids are crossing the street mid-bock. This seems to be holdover behavior from when there was on-street parking here.

Speed zone camera stats show that there are a high number of tickets here at high speeds.

**Action:** Mitchell will bring up possibility of adding bollards or other improvements to protect the bike lane and keep cars from pulling off there. There is a street improvement project already under way nearby. This could potentially be wrapped in with that project. Mitchell will let the Committee know if a letter would help.

**Action:** Kevin: can SPD patrol to issue tickets for parking, jay walking?

**School Zone Cameras**

Mary Ellen is continuing to develop spreadsheet tracking tickets over time.

Some schools have very low ticket tallies. Would it make sense financially to re-locate some cameras to areas with a bigger issue?

**Action**: Kevin, can you weigh in on the feasibility of potentially relocating cameras?

**Stop Paddle Funding Priorities**

The Committee is going to keep and update a list of funding priorities. Richard says that Linda Sebring confirmed that money in excess of the 2 tier funding gap will not go directly to busses. Yvonne says she has heard money is coming in and some will be going to crossing guards.

There is currently no dedicated money for crossing guards. Crossing guards will likely be funded out of stop paddle funds. Right now money is being re-allocated out of transportation budget to crossing guards. This transportation money could be used for bus monitors and other programs.

**Action**: Mary Ellen will email DRAFT list to committee for comments, additions.

James brought up policy that Metro has that kids cannot be denied ridership if they are going to school.

**Future Topics, Mary Ellen**

Ped & Bike safety around light rail stations

Flier distribution lessons learned

School Pool follow up – Margaret

Ways carpooling app

Mercer Middle School/ 15th and Columbia follow-up

Rainier and Massachusetts bus issues follow up