## MINUTES Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting February 27, 2012 12:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on February 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m., in the Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

Present: Champion: Debra Mayeux

Members: Steve Krest

Joe Delmagori Pat Cordell June Markle

Sergeant Dave Monfils

Absent: Members: Shawn Lyle

Jeff Treat Vicki Whitaker Candace Young

William Young

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Debra

Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and

taken.

The original scheduled meeting date of February 20 was changed due to the Presidents' Day holiday falling on this day.

## DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Mayeux asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2012 meeting. Mr. Delmagori moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Krest seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff: Mrs. Mayeux attended the first meeting of the Health and Wellness Committee at Apache Elementary on January 26. They would like to partner with SRTS on a Walking for Books program. Students would earn tokens for the miles they walk and, after so many miles, would be awarded a book for their classroom. The program has not been formalized yet, but Mrs. Mayeux will stay in touch with the Committee to see how SRTS can participate.

Mrs. Mayeux also reported that Apache and McCormick Elementary received a \$40,000 fresh fruit and vegetable grant. Students are able to see, touch, and taste a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. Articles written by Mrs. Mayeux on this grant and the associated program in the schools included sidebars on SRTS and were published in the Tri-City Tribune and Aztec Talon.

<u>McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dexel:</u> There was no new information to report from McKinley Elementary.

<u>Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya:</u> Mrs. Mayeux stated that Jeff Treat is doing a great job with physical fitness activities at Mesa Verde and continues to reward students for their achievements. She has provided him with many SRTS tokens and water bottles.

<u>Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson:</u> Mrs. Mayeux has been unable to reach Mr. Jackson to select a date for the school assembly, ribbon cutting ceremony, and unveiling of the "No Cell Phone Zone" signs. The Committee agreed that we need to move forward on this and Mrs. Mayeux will work to get it wrapped up in the next few weeks.

**Report of Champion Efforts:** Mrs. Mayeux updated and distributed the current Committee member contact list.

**Education:** Mrs. Mayeux has continued to champion SRTS in writing and publishing articles for local newspapers.

**Encouragement:** Mrs. Mayeux said that Apache Elementary has remodeled their conference room and Mrs. Braff invited the SRTS Committee to use the facility for their meetings. Mrs. Mayeux stated that McKinley and Mesa Verde also have meeting space and recommended the Committee begin meeting at each of the schools and use the Civic Center for meetings during the summer months. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and that being visible in the schools might encourage participation by principals and teachers at each of the SRTS schools. Mrs. Mayeux will confirm a date and time with Apache Elementary for the use of their conference room for the March SRTS Committee meeting and will contact Committee members once this has been scheduled.

The Bike to School Day is set for May 19<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Mayeux would like to hand out bicycle charms to those students who ride a bike to school that day. Volunteers will be needed to help with this project.

**Enforcement:** Sergeant Monfils had no news for this month's Committee meeting.

**Engineering:** Mr. Krest reported that the Walking Route Guide map has been updated. This map shows the walking boundaries for all ten of the Farmington schools. With this revised information, Mr. Krest will shortly reissue the SRTS walking route maps for each school.

Mr. Krest said his department is working on posting the Drug Free School Zone signs at all the Farmington schools. He noted that New Mexico State laws provide for additional penalties to violators apprehended in a posted Drug Free School Zones.

**Evaluation:** Mr. Delmagori said the spring school counts would be scheduled for April. He recommended that McKinley and Mesa Verde be counted on April 17, 18, and 19. These counts will coordinate with the Walk to School Day on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Apache and Ladera Elementary would then be counted on April 24, 25, and 26. Mr. Delmagori stated that with a strong promotion of the Walk to School Day, numbers of students walking to school could be overly high, causing normal averages to be skewed. He recommended that Apache and Ladera also be monitored on April 18 to see students' response and the potential impact to walking counts taken on Walk to School Day. At next month's meeting the members will assign people to the schools for the counts.

Mr. Cordell asked about liability and insurance issues should SRTS host a bike rodeo at an outside location. Mr. Krest said SRTS does have liability insurance and those documents are available on line. Mr. Cordell recommended having several insurance certificates on hand and Mrs. Mayeux said she would track down the information.

The Committee discussed ideas for sponsoring a bike rodeo. With the Walk to School day already set for April 18 and this also being an early dismissal day for the schools, it was decided this would be a good day for a bike rodeo. Also, with the strong interest of Jeff Treat in hosting a bike rodeo, it was decided that Mesa Verde would be the best location. Over the next month, contacts will be made:

Cottonwood Cycles – volunteers to help make bike repairs

Farmington Police Department – certified officers to examine bikes

Boys & Girls Club – contact to purchase \$5 bike helmets

Target – possible donation of bikes

Rotary members – Matt Lamoreux with Allstate Insurance for possible

donation of helmets or financial sponsorship to purchase helmets

At the March meeting, Committee members will discuss the progress made on organizing the bike rodeo, getting donations of helmets and possibly bikes, and review what still needs to be completed prior to April 18.

The next SRTS Committee meeting will be dependent on the availability of the Apache Elementary conference room. Mrs. Mayeux will contact all members once the date and time for the March meeting has been confirmed.

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.