

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
March 26, 2012 12:00 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on March 26, 2012 at 12:00 p.m., at Apache Elementary School, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington, New Mexico.

Present:	Champion:	Debra Mayeux
	Members:	Steve Krest Joe Delmagori June Markle Vicki Whitaker Principal Debbie Braff
Absent:	Members:	Pat Cordell Shawn Lyle Sergeant Dave Monfils Jeff Treat Candace Young William Young

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. by Debra Mayeux and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Mayeux asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting. Mr. Delmagori moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Krest seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

McKinley Elementary- Mrs. Marilee Dixel: There was no new information to report from McKinley Elementary. Mrs. Mayeux asked if Ms. Whitaker would volunteer to speak with the McKinley parent group to see what SRTS can provide for them and to encourage their ongoing participation. Mrs. Mayeux hopes that McKinley will participate in the Bike/Walk to School Day on May 9.

Mesa Verde Elementary - Mrs. Cynthia Sosaya: Mrs. Mayeux stated that Jeff Treat continues to do a great job. The bike rodeo planned for April 18th is progressing. This is an early release day for the schools and the bike rodeo will be held immediately following the end of the school day. Michelle DeLese, the SRO Coordinator, and the SROs will be responsible for the law enforcement side of the rodeo activities. Mrs. Mayeux asked the Committee for recommendations on where to get donations and for volunteers to help with the rodeo.

Ladera Del Norte Elementary- Mr. Gary Jackson: Mrs. Mayeux will contact Mr. Jackson to get a date finalized for the school assembly to recognize the “No Cell Phone Zone” pledge and the winners of the art contest. She will coordinate with the Chamber to have the ribbon cutting ceremony done by the Farmington Redcoats. The new “No Cell Phone Zone” signs will also be unveiled at this event. The pledge will be available there for parents to sign.

The Committee postponed discussion of activities at Apache Elementary until Mrs. Braff was able to participate in the meeting.

Report of Champion Efforts: Mrs. Mayeux will be meeting next week with Michelle DeLese, SRO Coordinator, and Mrs. Sosaya to help coordinate and work out the logistics for the bike rodeo at Mesa Verde.

In conjunction with the bike rodeo, Mrs. Mayeux reported that SRTS does not have liability insurance. However, with the rodeo being conducted by City of Farmington personnel, the City’s insurance will be in effect.

Mrs. Mayeux stated that the State SRTS office wants a coordinated effort state-wide to make May 9th the national bike/walk to school day. The NMDOT SRTS Coordinator has recommended that the local SRTS groups support this effort and so the scheduled Farmington walk/bike to school day will be changed from April 18th to May 9th. If schools sign up on-line, there are prizes and tokens available from the State SRTS program. Mrs. Mayeux encouraged the Committee to be available to hand out tokens that day to students who walk or bike to school.

Mrs. Braff joined the meeting.

Apache Elementary – Mrs. Debbie Braff: Mrs. Mayeux has attended two meetings of the Health and Wellness Committee at Apache Elementary. The school has scheduled a carnival for the evening of May 10 called, “Trade Your Junk for Spunk”. They have planned numerous activities along with a bike rodeo.

On May 3, the Apache school teachers will have a walk to school day. Tokens and bracelets will be presented to the teachers who participate. These tokens will be presented to the teachers by local firefighters to encourage and motivate the students to participate in their own walk/bike to school day.

The Walking for Books program is moving forward, which involves the students earning books for their classroom based on the number of miles they walk. Mrs. Mayeux will seek a mini-grant from SRTS to purchase books for the program. Mrs. Braff said informational packets will be sent home this summer with the students.

Education: Mr. Delmagori reported on a walkable community workshop the MPO will be hosting in late May (tentative dates are May 29, 30, or 31). The workshop will be tailored explicitly for the Farmington area and will include best practices, audits, walking tours, and recommended improvements, with council or public evening meetings if they

are desired. Day one will be the formal workshop. Walking audits of Farmington and possibly Bloomfield and Aztec will take place on day two. Mrs. Braff recommended including the River Reach Foundation. Mr. Delmagori mentioned invitations will be sent out to the SRTS Committee and other groups in the coming weeks.

Encouragement: No report.

Enforcement: No report.

Engineering: Mr. Krest gave Mrs. Braff the SRTS walking route map for Apache Elementary. She will see that the maps are distributed to those students who walk or bike to school. For the other three schools, maps will be given to each school's SRO for distribution.

Evaluation: Mr. Delmagori reminded the Committee that the spring student arrival counts are scheduled in April: McKinley and Mesa Verde will be counted on April 17, 18, and 19; Apache and Ladera students will be counted on April 24, 25, and 26. The volunteers for each school are as follows:

McKinley: Debra Mayeux, Pat Cordell, Steve Krest, June Markle
Mesa Verde: Duane Wakan, Gary Moore, Joe Delmagori

Apache: Steve Krest, Duane Wakan, Joe Delmagori
Ladera: Debra Mayeux, Gary Moore, June Markle, Pat Cordell

Mr. Delmagori will also e-mail this schedule out to all the volunteer counters.

The April SRTS Committee meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Apache Elementary conference room. Mr. Delmagori said he would be unable to attend this meeting, but the new MPO Associate Planner, Duane Wakan, will be on board by then and will attend in his place.

Mrs. Mayeux adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.