

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
October 21, 2010 - 1:50 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on October 21, 2010 at 1:50 P.M., at Ladera Elementary, 308 E 35th St, Farmington, New Mexico.

Present:	Champion:	Theresa Lawing
	Members:	Kathy Bonnell Steve Krest Martin Lucero
Absent:	Members:	Joe Delmagori Lieutenant Hardy Diana Lang Shawn Lyle Officer Kyle Tyson Sergeant Taft Tracy Candace Young William Young

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Theresa Lawing and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION

Theresa Lawing opened the meeting announcing that she had spoken with Mr. Krest on resigning as the Safe Route to School Coordinator. She stated that she would like to be replaced with someone due to her demands at schools and other responsibilities. Mrs. Lawing felt that the progress of the program was being hindered. Mrs. Lawing indicated that she would remain on as the coordinator until a suitable replacement was found and that she would like to finish work on the Phase II application prior to finishing with the position.

Mr. Lucero asked where in the process is the Phase I narrative. Mr. Krest indicated that the Phase I narrative has been sent to Jessica Frost at NMDOT but she has not finished her review.

Mrs. Lawing added that she would like to continue with the program as the Ladera School volunteer. A discussion ensued on the type of candidate that would be appropriate for the position. Mrs. Lawing indicated that she felt that possibly the PE teacher at Mesa Verde or McKinley elementary school might be a better fit as the coordinator. It was added that a job description would be needed as a replacement was found. Mr. Krest stated that he would provide a copy of the job description.

Mrs. Lawing asked Mr. Krest if there were some means on providing background checks for parent volunteers. Mr. Krest indicated that he would like to speak with Officer Tyson regarding possibly having background checks for parent volunteers being performed free of charge or at a discounted rate by the Farmington Police Department. A large portion of the cost appears to be for the fingerprinting. Mrs. Bonnell suggested possibly calling

Eva Barron in Records and asking if it would be possible to waive the fees for background checks and fingerprinting. Mrs. Bonnell said the City will not be able to waive the portion of the fee that is attributed to the State of New Mexico.

Mr. Lucero iterated an incident with a teacher crossing students at the intersection of Boyd and Monterey. While crossing students at the intersection a driver failed to yield the right-of-way and almost hit the teacher. This is still a concern for the school and parents. There is a desire to have a stop sign placed along Monterey. Mr. Krest responded that it was not warranted and it would not work as signs do not deter behavior. He stated putting a sign on Monterey and 15th will not stop the traffic or make them more attentive as they approached the cross walk.

Mr. Lucero stated it could possibly transfer the cut-through traffic, trying to avoid the school zone, from Monterey back onto Dustin.

Mr. Lucero also added that Mrs. Lucero was still receiving quite a few positive comments regarding the SRTS program. Mr. Krest asked if Mrs. Lucero would be interested in the SRTS Coordinator Position. Mr. Lucero indicated that he would inquire if she was interested.

Mrs. Lawing added that she had received additional parent surveys to give to Mr. Krest.

The next SRTS meeting will take place at Ladera Elementary on Thursday, November 18 at 1:50 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.