

**Safe Routes to School
Task Force Meeting
September 24, 2012**

Present: Julia Griffin (Hanover Town Manager), Jonathan Edwards (Planning and Zoning), Peter Kulbacki (Hanover DPW), Vicki Smith (Planning and Zoning), Joanna Whitcomb (Dartmouth College, Hanover Ped/Bike), Sloane Mayor (Hanover Ped/Bike), Russ Muirhead (Community member), Melanie Golder (Community member), Carolyn Radisch (consultant), Catherine Patch (Richmond Middle School PE instructor), Sarah Curtis (Ray School Assistant Principal), Frank Bass (Superintendent of Schools), Roger Lohr (Dresden School Board), Claire and Grace Golder (Student reps)

Walk/Bike to School Curriculum

After introductions, Task Force members gave Catherine ideas for her bike/walk to school curriculum. These included: Bike Smart video, proper helmet fit, carbon offset, cardiovascular and brain health, social aspects, proper attire.

As part of her class, students will be asked to walk routes to school and collect data. A checklist will be developed with Carolyn's help. Routes were identified.

Walk/Bike to School Day

Over half the children at the Ray and Richmond Schools live within 2 miles of the schools. Yet, only approximately 10% are walking or biking. Encouragement is needed to boost that participation percentage.

The following routes were identified for Walk/Bike to School Day:

Walk	Camp Brook	Ride	Dartmouth Green
	Pine and Rip		Black Center
	Rugby House		Norwich Green
	Rayton and E Wheelock		Rayton and East Wheelock
	Dartmouth Green		

Bus riders can walk from the Rugby Field if they wish. Carolyn will assign departure times and prepare a map with departure locations and times. Sarah and Catherine will identify adults to accompany the students to school.

Vicki will ask Lou's to donate a donut to each participant. A transaction ad will appear in the Valley News. Julia and Catherine will work on Valley News coverage. Joanna will see if notice of the day can be placed in the Vital Communities and DC Sustainability Office newsletters. Catherine will speak to Mike Evans about the routes and pick up points.

Planning for Community Workshop

The Curtiss, Reservoir, Lyme and Dresden Roads are the main routes to be discussed at the workshop. The Girl Brook alignment will also be considered. Carolyn has also observed pick up and drop off conditions at both schools with a member of the police department. It is hoped that the Middle School student observations can be featured at the Workshop. Carolyn will be putting together the workshop details.

A Girl Brook Trail site visit was scheduled for Tuesday October 9 at 8:30 AM.

The Community Workshop will be held on October 20 at 10 AM at the Richmond Middle School.

The next meeting will be held on October 29 at 4:00 at the Training Room at the Hanover Police Department.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

Submitted by Vicki Smith, Scribe