

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
Task Force Meeting
July 13, 2009**

In Attendance: Mike Izard, LRPC, Carter Terenzini, Les Smith, Gary Torressen, Tom Dawson, Sara Fogarty, Joanne Coppinger, Scott Kinmond, Laurie Whitley

Unable to Attend: Cassie Coons, Pasha Marlow, Betsey Patten, Mike Lancor, Carolyn Nelson, Maud Anderson, Julia Velie, Jody Eichhorn

Chairman Torressen called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the SAU Conference Room at Moultonborough Academy.

Parent /Student Surveys:

Mike Izard reviewed the results of the Parent/Student surveys. He had shared it with John Corrigan, the statewide SRTS coordinator, who was surprised that crime was a concern (suggesting a possible safety escort program) and that infrastructure was an issue. He suggested that any work on Rt. 25 might be bike/walk as opposed to just a (side)walk.

Mike reported further that John thought that since the majority of students live within the 2 mile radius (bike) as opposed to the 1 mile radius (walk) that our efforts should go toward biking improvements if one had to choose between the two.

Sara noted some disparity on the survey in that the kindergarten kids (12±) seemed to report they walked home when they really just walked across the street to after school day care. Given our small population this is a significant number.

Mike said he'd had two interns assess the school arrival/departure once he had the surveys in hand. One of the things that struck everyone was the number of parents who actually drove their children to school irrespective of the distance they live from the school.

Bike/Walk Field Audits:

Mike distributed checklists that could be used on the audits. Laura Whitley wondered if we could learn why so many drive when they could take advantage of the school bus (which often runs a low census). There was general discussion about the role the SRTS could take in trying to at least move kids out of parent driven vehicles onto the bus.

There was a general discussion of which trails to audit; and the merits of taking the off-road pathways off the table versus exploring what we can do to enhance them to address any concerns. No changes were made to the past decision to explore all the possibilities before dismissing them.

Carter Terenzini asked Mike Izard to break the various routes down into a list for folks to sign up to do the walks. List by Thursday (out) with responses back by Tuesday (and whatever). The audits would be the last week of July.

There was a general discussion of some form of subcommittee/effort with the schools on the issue of getting better census onto the buses and a need to remain focused on our primary responsibility which is completing the Travel Plan. The question arose of what we actually expect to get from this Travel Plan. These were described by Carter and Mike as:

- Low cost/no cost immediate solutions
- Mid Range solutions
- Long Range solutions

These would be constructed around the 5 E's:

- Evaluation
- Education (Such as the Bike Rodeo)
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Engineering

Mike also pointed out that in order to be eligible for any future funding (including engineering money to develop better plans and cost estimates on the long range solutions) we needed to have an approved travel plan on file.

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carter Terenzini

Next Meeting is on Monday August 17th at 9:00a.m. at the SAU Conference Room