



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE Minutes

Date: June 16, 2022
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Virtual meeting

1) Introductions

- **Alicia Payton**, Oak Knoll Elementary, Assistant Principal
- **Carol Parker**, Menlo Park Fire Protection District
- **Carrie Dallman**, County of San Mateo Office of Sustainability, Active Transportation Specialist
- **Christy Peetz**, Encinal Elementary SRTS Champion
- **Courtney Wood**, Alta Planning and Design
- **Ellen Kraska**, Encinal Elementary, Assistant Principal
- **Danny Chui**, Hillview Middle, Assistant Principal
- **Hugh Louch**, Menlo Park Public Works, Assistant Director-Transportation
- **Jasmine Law**, San Mateo County Office of Education SRTS, AmeriCorps fellow
- **Johnna Becker**, Hillview Middle, Incoming Assistant Principal
- **Lydia Lee**, Hillview Middle parent
- **Nell Curran**, Las Lomas Elementary School District, Wellness Coordinator and Laurel Parent/Safe Routes Committee Member
- **Nicolas Yee**, City of Menlo Park Public Works
- **Sandra Franco**, Menlo Park City School District, Maintenance & Transportation Admin
- **Shelby Crespi**, Safe Kids Santa Clara/San Mateo
- **T.J. Moffett**, Menlo Park Police Department, Patrol Commander
- **Vanessa Castro**, San Mateo County Office of Education, SRTS Specialist
- **Will Eger**, Ravenswood City School District, chief business officer

2) Bike Riding to Middle School Curriculum

Christy Peetz, parent champion for Encinal Elementary presented the bike safety presentation she created for fifth grade students.

- Created a two-day curriculum for the 5th grade class that was full of videos of common maneuvers you will need to get to school
- Two 45-minute sessions during library
- Students were very engaged and had lots of questions and stories to share
- After the two-day curriculum they did a hands-on bike ride in a chalked bike lane and practiced simple maneuvers
- After that we took the kids on a neighborhood bike ride
- It was ended with the kids loved making smoothies on the bike blender

- The what not to do video was very effective
- We need more community input on what bad bike behavior that is and what the safety was is to address those, then we can make more videos

3) School Highlights and Updates

- Las Lomas Elementary School District– had a few events this spring and looking forward to planning the summer planning, kindergarten bike program, would like to implement 5th grade curriculum and middle school curriculum. Planning bike train for fall.
- Encinal Elementary – bike rodeo and safety session, neighborhood ride. Safe Moves is coming back in September 2023.
- Hillview Middle – next year we will bring back the bike rodeo and PE are integrating bike safety into curriculum. Thinking about transition into middle school with 5th grade curriculum.
- Oak Knoll Elementary – partnered with Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to give out bikes. Have lots of bikes and bike buses. Art kids are interested in painting the bike intersection next fall – Alicia to follow-up with Hugh on coordinating with City staff

4) SRTS Program Recap of the Year 2021-22

- See presentation for details

5) Next School Year Priorities

- Lydia – pedestrian curriculum is very comprehensive, but it will take a lot of efforts for a school to implement. Is there a lightweight version?
- Encinal will be piloting the two ped lessons next fall with PE teachers so it is sustainable. Another solution is to train staff/parents/champions to teach the curriculum.
- Encinal – two-minute video for the first two lessons of the ped curriculum would be beneficial to get this implemented into schools.
- Lydia – all the encouragement events are great and cover a wide spectrum of events. What's not here is the traditional bike to school day, but that gives schools the flexibility to schedule these whenever they want to.

6) Traffic and Safety Updates

- Selected a new officer for the traffic unit
- Will likely be adding three officers and three community service officers to help with community outreach and education, want to increase engagement of bike officers
- Christy – parents say they don't know how to turn across a bike lane – Christy to connect with Commander Moffett to create a video for parents
- Nell – observations are needed at Valparaiso for students to cross safely.
- Lydia - Encinal and Laurel t-intersection is difficult - Christy will start an email to Nick and Hugh

7) Coleman/Ringwood Avenue Study Updates

- See presentation for details

8) City Project Updates

- See presentation for details

9) Announcements