

SIoux FALLS SCHOOLS TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



PATH COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2009

9:00 AM

IPC Building, Boardroom 2-3

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sgt. Galen Smidt, Kent Alberty, Dallas Hofer, Heath Hoftiezer, Steve Natz (9:08 a.m.), Diane Hall, Teresa Boysen, Lisa Huemoeller, Bill Smith, Dennis Pottebaum, Craig Smith, Kerry Larson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marilyn Buskohl, Brandi Kowalczyk, Lt. Jerome Miller, John Snobeck

GUESTS PRESENT

Sharon Chontos, Michelle Wolf (Holy Spirit School), Beth Kassing (Foth),

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Kent Alberty to approve the February minutes with the following changes: Heath Hoftiezer asked that Harvey Dunn Elementary be added to the list of schools for the Safe Routes to School application. Kent Alberty asked that the date be changed on the minutes to reflect the next meeting date. Motion was seconded by Diane Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Sharon Chontos discussed a traffic concern she has with the St. Mary's area at 33rd Street and Fourth Avenue. This is a busy traffic area in the morning and she feels that the current crosswalk is unsafe. She reported that many parents don't allow their children to walk to school due to the unsafe crosswalk. Heath said that the Traffic Office would do a gap study in this area to determine if a traffic light may be necessary. The Traffic Office will look into the matter and report back to the group at a future date.

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V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Police Department

Galen updated the Committee on a previous issue at JFK Elementary. Parents were stopping on the street in front of school and unloading their children creating traffic issues. Galen had an officer patrol this area for three days and citations were issued. The offenders called with complaints which Galen forwarded to the JFK Administration.

Galen updated the Committee on a previous speeding complaint issue at Lowell Elementary (18th & Summit). Galen monitored this area for two days with no citations issued. Galen said that speeding and traffic is not an issue and the traffic light is operating as it should.

- City Engineering

Heath reported that the City will be sending out the surveys to the parents for the Safe Routes to School grant either March 12 or 13.

- Private Schools

- Public Schools

Bill Smith asked that the PATH Committee and the Traffic Office follow-up on issues that the Safe & Secure Audit reported. A couple of the issues included: students crossing mid-block at Roosevelt, speeding complaints.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Police Department:

- City Engineering:

Due to the addition of the new Pettigrew Elementary School, the school boundaries have changed for: Oscar Howe Elementary, Discovery Elementary, and JFK Elementary. Dallas presented the group with three new PATH maps for each elementary school. The new maps reflect the new boundary lines and crosswalks that have changed: Oscar Howe- the crosswalk at 32nd and Sertoma is now a boundary line; the crosswalk has been eliminated. Discovery-this summer Sertoma Avenue will be reconstructed from 12th Street south to 26th Street. A sidewalk will be constructed along the east side of Sertoma resulting in a safe route to the traffic light at the 22nd Street crossing. Dallas added that a traffic signal

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will be installed at 12th Street and Ellis Road. JFK- the crosswalk at Sundowner Avenue is now a boundary line; the crosswalk has been eliminated. The new safe path will be Holbrook Avenue.

The new maps will be submitted to each respective elementary school Principal. Dallas said he would be bringing the new Pettigrew Elementary PATH map to the committee next month. He is currently working with the landowners to obtain easements to construct a temporary walking path on the east side of the tree farm area that will allow students to get to a street that has sidewalk.

A motion was made by Diane Hall to approve the PATH maps; motion was seconded by Steve Natz. Motion passed unanimously.

- Private Schools
Lisa Huemoeller asked when the traffic signal would be installed at 26th Street and Tea/Ellis Road; Heath replied that the light would be up sometime in May.
- Public Schools:
Bill Smith asked if there are any updates to the PATH brochure that is sent out to area schools. Health replied that Cathedral could be taken off the list and Pettigrew can be added. Bill asked that the brochure be updated and emailed to him. This brochure is also available on the City of Sioux Falls website:
http://www.siouxfalls.org/Mayor/boards_commissions/school_traffic_path_committee.aspx

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The next meeting will be held on **June 11** at the IPC Building.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.