

MINUTES
Safe Routes to School Committee Meeting
November 22, 2010 - 1:50 P.M.

The Safe Routes to School Committee met during a regular meeting on November 22, 2010 at 1:50 P.M., at Ladera Elementary, 308 E 35th St, Farmington, New Mexico.

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. by Theresa Lawing and the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

DISCUSSION

Theresa Lawing opened the meeting with approval of the October 21, 2010 minutes. Mr. Delmagori motioned to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2010 meeting and Mr. Krest seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lawing then indicated that the parent surveys had been received by the national SRTS Center but had not yet been posted. Mrs. Lawing discussed with the National Center the reasons for the surveys failing to post and some issues that the center had with inputting the information. The Nation Center has agreed to make the correction and upload the information. Mrs. Lawing also discussed the old contact information the center had for the Farmington Walk and Roll Champion. Instead of replacing the old information with hers, Mrs. Lawing has asked to either replace the information with Mr. Krest or to have the information remain empty until a new champion has been found.

Mrs. Lawing has two individuals that may be interested in the position, Coach Corolla and Mrs. Debbie Mayeux. Mrs. Mayeux had helped in the past with the Ladera walking counts in the past and is looking to help supplement her income from home.

Mrs. Lawing indicated that most of the schools have become somewhat inactive with the walking program since the International Walk to School Day. However, she has been able to help Ladera move along and make some progress. A discussion ensued on how the program may help encourage children who are currently walking. Mrs. Lawing indicated that she would like to utilize the crossing guards by having them hand out rewards. Sergeant Tracy indicated that most of the crossing guards are too busy to hand out rewards and that they need to be aware of the children and vehicles. He also

indicated that the crossing guards are being trained and retrained were necessary. The training is being given in hopes of improving safety and awareness.

Mrs. Lawing has been working on the Phase I Narrative to complete the changes requested by NMDOT. The main items were just adding some additional information to help clarify various points. The only remaining information is to address questions concerning the amount of budget the City of Farmington has allocated to pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Lucero indicated that the additional information from parent surveys, for each school, was not added into the appendix due to the size of each pdf file. The information can readily be accessed from the national SRTS website.

Mrs. Lawing has indicated that she received some information binders from the NMDOT, on SRTS activities, and has passed those along to each participating school. She has not been able to schedule the SROs to visit each school to discuss safety rules. She was planning on having them go and present in class to each elementary age student. Sergeant Tracy indicated that the presentation would function better if they were done during school assemblies.

Mr. Lucero discussed some of the concerns with stranger danger, from students and parents at McKinley Elementary. There have been several instances that the crossing guard has noticed the same individual acting suspiciously. She has tried to remind students to be aware of strangers and even has made students wait until they could leave in larger groups. Sergeant Tracy will speak with the SRO coordinator to schedule an assembly for McKinley Elementary.

Mrs. Lawing indicated that all of the Phase I Grant has been exhausted with the final purchase of water bottles. The water bottles were delivered to the MPO and will be used to help encourage students to walk to school. The Phase II Application needs to be completed and submitted to NMDOT SRTS for consideration. Mr. Krest indicated that until the Phase II Grant is awarded he will search for a champion that will be willing to work as a volunteer. Once additional funds are secured then he will make the champion a paid position. He expects that the position should be funded sometime in early spring.

The next SRTS meeting will be at a later date yet to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.