



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS: MARIN COUNTY



**Dixie School District**  
Safe Routes to School Taskforce  
Miller Creek School  
Mike's Classroom M5  
(just off the parking lot near bike racks)

Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday May 19, 2010  
7:00 pm

### **I. Introductions and review agenda**

Kel Harris, Mike Schulist, Craig Tackeberry, Carol Harris, Wendi Kallins

### **II. Update on Buses at Dixie**

Andy Hyman, school board member took over the bus committee. Had a few meetings and did some broad brainstorming. Andy met with the Superintendent and pulled out that they can and can't do. In February . n did a powerpoint presentation to the sSchool Board about our analysis of pricing and trends. Did a five year trend. They increased the passes by \$100 and passes went way down. The School Board hired FCMAT that looks at school bus issues. They went through and evaluated their maintenance, fleet, bus communications. The board decided to reduced the fees by \$100. Got flyers out, elementary schools kids get a free ride on the bus and announce the price reduction. They are now meeting twice a week now. WE feel it will be two years to turn things around but the board wants to see results by next spring. The district gets a percentage of their money from the state and the rest is district funds. The district might reduce their contribution to zero which would drastically reduce bus service. Also are going to create a one way pass for \$200. The focus is now on what do the parents. Working on getting the kindergarten parents right away. Have parents to ride along with the kids. K-3 has to be ¾ miles from school, 1 mile 4-8. We should get people to sign up for SchoolPool to find bus buddies

### **III. SchoolPool program**

For Dixie schools, we have the following number of SchoolPoolers: Dixie: 25, Mary Silveira: 38, Miller Creek: 20, Vallecito: 14 (total = 97, or 18% of all registrants)

We have the following number of Greenwayers: Dixie: 86, Mary Silveira: 36, Miller Creek: 57, Vallecito: 30 (total = 209, or 24% of all registrants)

Dixie schools have over two times more registered Greenwayers than SchoolPoolers.

#### **IV. Travel Plans**

Reviewed the list of projects that were submitted to TAM.

#### **V. Team Leaders for Next Year**

Dixie . Kim can run contests but not necessarily Walk to School Day. Ben is doing great at Mary Silveira. We need a team leader at Vallecito.

#### **VI. Non-motorized Pilot Program**

Had a public meeting for the study. A lot of comments on how to change configuration. Adding crosswalks between the park and the trail. Add a median to match the upper part of Las Gallinas. Might be another meeting either in June or fall.

#### **VII. Set Fall meeting**

Other items

Kids from Teens Go Green helped out for the Promenade celebration with the Bike Blender, others bike to work day station, and 4 kids from Miller Creek Marin Youth Advocates award from Next Generation. 55% participation at Dixie. We have some K-1 teachers who are asking every day still how they get to school. There were some complaints from parents who said "we can't do it's not fair." Others say the contest did get us going to organize a carpool.

Mike asked about the computer system that would get the kids to go on line and log in mile. Would there be a way for kids to text their miles? This would really get them to do it.

Here were some teachers who dropped out after a while from the Go for the Green because they burned out.

Kel sent an email into the principal about whether they want to continue the bike rodeo next year. Principal will ask the teachers to see if they still want it. Suggest that Wendi call the principal. Meet with principals every year.

Kel finds that the district is a reluctant participation in the program, doesn't support the efforts.

#### **Kaiser**

Kaiser has a parking problem in San Rafael. Looked at various options so that people didn't park on the street. Had a proposal to lease from Dixie District but the neighbors didn't like that. Current proposal is to add onto the existing parking garage. Trying to get the parked cars off the street. Proposing to replace the emergency area as well. It's all very conceptual at this point. Kaiser hasn't approved the funding yet.

Mary Silveira project is going out to bid.

Jeannie Cassalas is retiring after this year.

District sustainability committee ó Craig and Mike is on it. They really didn't want to cover transportation. They are putting out a Green Policy review. There is resistance to have transportation as part of their mission.