



Kentfield Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Notes April 21, 2022

Attendance: Wendi Kallins- Safe Routes to Schools, Peggy Clark- Safe Routes to Schools, Jennifer Schriber – Parisi Transportation Engineer, Gwen Froh- Safe Routes to Schools, Nancy Vernon - Aide to District 2 Supervisor Katie Rice, Anne Petersen - Kentfield Planning Advisory Board, Beth Rhodes - Communications Director College of Marin, Bree Eaton- Neighborhood Captain, Melanie Wollenweber- Neighborhood Captain, Kristine Duran- Bacich Vice Principal, Sandy Guldman - Friends of Corte Madera Creek Committee, Wendy Holmes - Kent Middle School Vice Principal, Cooper Miley- Safe Routes to Schools Volunteer Coordinator,

Upcoming Safe Routes Activities

Safe Routes Education and Encouragement Spring 2022

[Safe Routes to Schools](#) has launched its new website (the web link has not changed). The improvements include; better navigation, Spanish translation option; archived pages have been removed, improved access to Task Force group information, newsletter publications, ongoing encouragement activities and education resources. If you have not received it, please email peggy@marinbike.org

[J.E.D.I. Challenge April 13, 20, 27, May 4](#) (being hosted at Bacich School)

The J.E.D.I Challenge is a four-week contest to help reinforce the habit of walking, rolling, carpooling and taking the bus to school. Participating

school's valued parent volunteers will host welcome tables. To learn more please contact monica@marinbike.org or cooper@marinbike.org

[Bike to School Day- May 4th](#)- “May the 4th Be With You”

This national annual event supports walking, biking, skating, scooting and strolling to school! Participating schools will have welcome tables and handing out (donated) JAMBARs to our walkers and rollers (if permitted by the school)! Kent Middle School will raffle off movie tickets. The Kent PE teachers have been very supportive in supporting these events.

Mark your calendars! Community representatives are welcome to visit their local school on May 4 to celebrate. To learn more please contact elementary contact monica@marinbike.org or cooper@marinbike.org or lou@marinbike.org for middle and high school details.

Annual Bike Hero AWARD- – Coming This May

(Check the [Safe Routes to Schools website](#) to learn more soon)

Seeking Bike Heroes – students who are stellar “roll” models by biking to school frequently while *following the rules of the road*. In May, parents, neighbors, friends, teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a Bike Hero from their school worthy of receiving this county-wide award.

Safe Routes Education

Pedestrian and bicycle education classes have been presented at both schools this year. Classes for next school year can be scheduled now: contact peggy@marinbike.org

Travel Plan

[Safe Routes Goals and Objectives Draft document](#)

This objective was moved up the list to support task force members' request to emphasize safety before encouragement as a goal.

Identify infrastructure issues that are barriers to students walking and biking to school

Task force members are requested to review and provide feedback on the information below. Please send feedback to Wendi Kallins.

Introduction paragraph: The goal of (School District) Safe Routes to Schools is to increase the number of students using active and green transportation modes to get to school to instill healthy habits in children, reduce congestion around schools, and create a safer and healthy access to school for all students.

The Kentfield School district does not currently have a Safe Routes to School Policy. Safe Routes has contacted Board member Heather McPhail Sridharan to request a policy be signed off on. This policy supports the task force objectives, education and encouragement throughout the district.

Issues list

[Kentfield SR2S Issues List](#)

There are some issues on the list that have not been prioritized. Input from task force members and parent volunteers is needed to move forward. This item will be added to the next meeting.

The task force quickly reviewed the list to see if there were any time sensitive issues. Some of the issues date back many years; therefore, the list needs to be updated in detail. The list will be updated with dates to reflect when the issue was listed. No current issues have been presented to Wendy Holmes. It was suggested that both Vice principals check in with operations and confirm when issues come up, they are directed to them. The Safe Routes parent volunteer can also be the contact person. They will be forwarded to Safe Routes to Schools.

A parent survey will be conducted at select schools this spring throughout the county. If possible, the survey will include “specific” feedback on locations with safety issues.

Safe Routes to School Suggested Routes Maps

The maps are in design for final comments and will be available by next school year.

SFD and Ash – *sun gets in driver’s eyes requested crossing guard.*

This issue was not addressed during the meeting because there was no one from the County to provide an update.

Updates

Acacia Closure

This will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. A one year extension (end of school year 2023) is being asked for and to determine who will manage the road way signs placement. The next step is for the SRTS community members (students?) to coordinate sign placement.

Parent Volunteer Update and Needs

Safe Routes Volunteer Coordinator cooper@marinbike.org will be reaching out to the Principal and PTA President with a description of the volunteer role and promote recruitment for both Bacich and Kent MS. The school can post this volunteer position in the school's newsletter too (send to Wendy Holmes). New parent candidates are usually in the lower grade levels and support walking and biking to school. This is a priority for Safe Routes encouragement and task force support.

Volunteer Updates:

Bree's children are moving on to high school. She hopes to be available to assist Safe Routes neighbor needs when possible. *Thank you, Bree, for all your time!*

Bacich School does not currently have an active Safe Routes representative.

Manor Safety Concerns

A concern was expressed for Safe Routes to emphasize program safety at this location and others.

Students traveling from Greenbrae are traveling down the hill toward the intersection at unsafe speeds. The crossing guard (when present) takes action to cross students; however it does not promote safe and legal crossing of cyclists on a daily basis. They are not stopping and walking their bikes.

Safe Routes will follow-up with the County DPW. At an earlier meeting they had stated they were planning to conduct more behavior observations to determine if additional safety measures could be implemented. Task force members would like student behavior to change before the start of the next school year.

Nancy will reach out to the County to schedule a meeting prior to next school year and report back.

Wolf Grade

Two crossing guard positions/locations have been staffed.

Crossing Guard Program Update

The crossing guard program is managed and funded by the Transportation Authority of Marin. The program is up for renewal this year. The scoring process used to evaluate where funded guards will be stationed is under review and adjustments are planned.

The evaluation will be conducted at the start of the next school year (fall 2022). A report will be developed and presented in the spring of 2022 and the updated crossing guard locations list will be implemented in the fall of 2023.

COM - Update provided by Beth post meeting.

There should be some activity on the site of the new LRC over the summer and into the fall to prepare for the new building. Nothing major is planned and it should not impact the schools around us. Beth will reach out to the appropriate parties if there are any updates.

Next Meeting Sept 7, 2022 at 9:30AM

The meeting day has been moved to Wednesday; current parent volunteers are not available on Thursday morning.