

Traffic Safety Agenda & Minutes on May 16, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Jefferson School, 8200 N. Greendale, Niles, Illinois

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance - see below

Standing Agenda Items:	Participant(s)	Notes:	Decision(s)/Action(s):
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Laurie Heinz, Superintendent		
Reports from Police and City Representatives	Park Ridge PD - Jason Leavitt, Duane Melleman (Deputy Chief of Operations)	Issues of drivers going around stop arms of school buses - Police will be working on this specifically, also distracted driving, and ongoing issues: not leaving cars unattended at front of schools.	Q from Carpenter re follow up on crossing guard at Dee & Touhy - what is status of person who was removed by ambulance?
	Niles PD - Ron Brandt, Commander of Traffic Unit; and John Gaba - Will be new reps to Traffic Safety;	Oakton & Prospect is a corner being addressed with heightened attention - have looked at timing of lights to make sure it's correctly set; talked to light company about view of traffic signals	
Reports from Schools	Franklin - (Assistant Principal Emily Lech)		
	Carpenter - (Assistant Principal Emily Lech)	Nothing unusual to report. See Q above re crossing guard.	
	Roosevelt - Assistant Principal Sia Albans	Concerns about stop arm for the bus - have angled buses to avoid having cars near buses at all, however one car is coming through the alley. Otherwise in good shape.	
	Washington - Assistant Principal Shari Lazor	Ice cream trucks parked outside of school - have asked them to move down on Western since this is not safe and adds to chaos. Western has come a long ways this year.	Requesting that Western Avenue would be one-way just during drop off/pick up hours between Stewart and Crescent -- literally one block long. Park Ridge PD to look into it.
	Lincoln - (Assistant Principal Tim Gleason)	Nothing to report.	
	Field - Assistant Principal Amanda Spychalski (and rep Jane Everett)	Park Ridge PD have been very responsive when emailed about problems; some community members have not been following signage about school equipment being closed for general use during school hours	
	Jefferson - Principal Lisa Halverson	Still need help on getting through on Greendale.	
	Emerson - Assistant Principal Tim Benka	Oakton and Prospect	
Report from Beyond the Bell Representative	No rep		
Other Reports from D64	Ron DeGeorge, Director of Facility Management; Bernadette Tramm, Public Information Coordinator	Construction areas in summer 2017 include largest project at Lincoln; windows at Field; small area of roofing at Roosevelt, etc. Contractors are aware of need to maintain security and fencing, etc.	
Successes/Concerns			

Additional Items for Discussion

City of Park Ridge Bicycle Task Force: Claris Olson, member, and Jim O'Donnell, Chair		Jim reported: Appointed by Mayor September 2016; settled on 2 projects: survey and bike plan 2005 only partially implemented - want to have the study refreshed to provide routes for all the places people want to go - survey is now being done; the second piece is to expand bike parking, such as at Metra Station that is the #1 place for bike parking; #3 is Lincoln Middle School; want to expand this parking in phases. SURVEY RESULTS: Claris shared results of survey from 259 respondents thus far, in terms of the schools. What's under consideration thus far -- route map includes 18 recommended routes, width of street, traffic, number of cars parked, etc. and outside experts working with the task force will review. Major issue going N/S is to cross the railroad tracks -- none is optimal but most likely will include crossing on Prospect at the Metra Station. The D64 schools report that they have enough racks to accommodate student riders. Children under 12 riding on sidewalks are to get off their bikes and cross while walking it.	Cars are prevalent around the schools all the time - many are there waiting far in advance after school. Park Ridge PD recommend some type of bicyclist education to understand who has the right-of-way. Additional discussion on whether some type of dedicated lanes could be formulated. Niles PD reports bike route from Golf Mill to Forest Preserve has been established - it's signage only, not a lane. D64 will provide a list of designated hazardous streets that trigger free bus ridership . Park Ridge PD will provide the list of crossing guard locations.
Plans for Summer School Location and Dates	Session I June 7 - June 23 & Session II June 26 - July 14: Grades K-3 Washington School, Grades 4- 7 Emerson School; Jefferson for early childhood;	No summer school July 3 & 4	
First day of school for students 2017-18 school year THURSDAY August 17, 2017	Teaching staff will return on Tuesday for two days of professional development before students return.		

Schedule of Next Meeting Dates & Adjournment

Establish Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled Tuesday, August 8 10 a.m. at ESC	Superintendent's Office to confirm							
Adjourned at								