

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Grand Chute Safe Routes to School Task Force
Town of Grand Chute Fire Station #1
Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Committee Members Present

Allen Davis, ChairTown of Grand Chute Community Development Director
Doris Kalbus.....Parent, Houdini Elementary School
Brian Desens.....Parent, Houdini Elementary School
Jan HavenHoudini Elementary School, Principal
Bill McClone.....Badger Elementary School, Principal
Aaron SchellingerGrand Chute Police Department
Tom Walsh.....Fox Cities Greenways
Melissa Kraemer Badtke.....East Central WI Regional Planning Commission

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Davis welcomed the committee and began introductions.

2. Comments on the summary of proceedings from January 7, 2009 meeting

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that the summary of proceedings from the January 7th, 2009 were included in the meeting materials. Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the committee if there were any comments on the summary of proceedings. The committee had no additional comments on the summary of proceedings from the January 7th, 2009 meeting at this time.

3. Discussion on draft Chapters - 3: Identifying Safety Issues, Chapter 4: Safe Routes to School Recommendations, and Chapter 5: Developing a School Safety and Security Plan

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that copies of Chapters - 3: Identifying Safety Issues, 4: Safe Routes to School Recommendations, and 5: Developing a School Safety and Security Plan were emailed to all of the committee members and hard copies were available at the meeting. Ms. Kraemer Badtke explained that Chapter 3 discussed the safety issues identified at each of the schools; Chapter 4 discussed potential recommendations for each of those safety concerns; and Chapter 5 will include implementation strategies and funding sources. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that with the consent of the task force she would like to change the title on Chapter from Developing a School Safety and Security Campaign to Implementation Strategies and Funding Resources. The reason to revise the chapter is to give the task force a bit more guidance regarding implementation strategies and funding resources. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she is currently working on a table with potential funding sources and when grant application deadlines would occur. Once Ms. Kraemer Badtke completes this task, she will get copies out to the task force. Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the task force to review the chapters and let her know of any comments that they may have. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she will

be including additional photographs regarding the safety concerns at Badger Elementary School and Houdini Elementary School. Ms. Kraemer Badtke asked the committee to read over the chapters and let her know of any changes or corrections that should be made.

4. Review of Hazardous Busing Routes

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she has been doing some research regarding unusually hazardous busing situations. Ms. Kraemer Badtke has contact Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) and discussed the process and the suggested criteria that are used to decide if an area is considered hazardous for children to walk or bike. Ms. Kraemer Badtke will contact the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department and see if they would be able to attend the next Grand Chute SRTS meeting. Ms. Kraemer Badtke felt that it was important to have the Sheriff's Department at the table when the committee discusses school specific engineering recommendations at each of the schools.

5. Discussion on Recommendations

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that there were a few additional recommendations that she would like the task force to discuss. The task force discussed school specific engineering recommendations for Badger and Houdini Elementary Schools. After some discussion regarding engineering recommendations on Spencer St. and Bluemound Dr. the committee question if it would be safe to allow children to walk and bike to school. The committee felt that the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department should be invited to the next meeting to discuss proposed engineering recommendations for each of the schools and whether the proposed engineering changes that committee is suggesting would be deemed safe for children to walk or bike to school. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she would get in touch with Outagamie County Sheriff's Department and invite them to the next meeting.

6. Neighborhood/Community Meeting

Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she spoke with Ms. Callaway, WisDOT Safe Routes to School Coordinator, regarding hosting the neighborhood/community meeting in the fall of 2009 during an open house or registration and Ms. Callaway stated that would be fine. Ms. Kraemer Badtke stated that she would follow up with Mr. McClone and Ms. Haven regarding when school registration and if there is a school open house in the beginning of the year. Perhaps at either of these events, the task force could have a booth with information regarding the safe routes to school program (i.e. pick up and drop off procedures at each of the schools, a list of upcoming safe routes to school events, and a parent survey).

7. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Grand Chute Fire Station #1.