

## **Eureka Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Minutes April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### **Members Present:**

Jenny Weiss - Redwood Community Action Agency  
Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health  
Melanie Williams – BikesThere  
Taylin Titus – North Coast Schools Insurance Group  
Kristi Puzs – Grant Elementary School  
Dan Pires – Eureka City Schools  
Debbie Hart – parent

### **Bike Month Events**

Calendar of May Bike Month Humboldt events shared and can be found online at <http://humbike.org/calendar-events>. School and afterschool staff are encouraged to sign up for the Confident Cycling Clinic at Zane Middle School on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm. Ride for Reading will happen at Alice Birney on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Alice Birney, Lafayette as well as about 12 Winship bike club members will be participating in the Tour of the Unknown Coast (TUC) and running the aid station. Transportation to the TUC is a challenge and funding is being sought after to get a school bus to transport. Contact Brad Albee if interested in donating money for this event.

Grant Elementary will continue Trekking Tuesday and celebrate International Bike to School Day (IBTSD) on their regularly scheduled May Trekking Tuesday. Public Health will give Grant a set of safety vests to use. Alice Birney is planning on coordinating a ride on IBTSD from the old Zoe Barnum campus to school. Lafayette would like to make a request to School Resource Officer Jenkins to go to their school and register bikes.

### **Successes and Stories**

Jenny and Mellody gave a presentation at the ECS School Board meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>. It chronicled the various Safe Routes projects over the past 9 years highlighting the more than \$2,650,000 invested in ECS, and was well received.

### **Final Eureka SRTS Updates and Eureka SRTS Sustainability**

- Bike Club at Lafayette will continue with afterschool coordinator. Status of bike clubs at Zane and Alice Birney next school year are uncertain. There are maintenance needs for the Alice Birney fleet and a need for helmets. There will also need to be a new Bike Club lead at Alice Birney next year as the current lead will be on Maternity leave.
- Storage of bikes at school is challenging. Best suggestion was to modify a conex portable building with a vent and roof because they tend to leak.
- RCAA is working on a grant application through the Coastal Commission to get low income students access to coastal resources. The grant goal is to get youth on the trails and have them take on some form of leadership of the trail. Could tie in well with Lafayette or Alice Birney's bike clubs.

- The City of Eureka is pursuing funding for the Bay to Zoo trail and a non-infrastructure component may be included.
- The County's ATP 3 grant will allow for continued data collection via parent survey at many schools. If schools would like to do their own evaluation, Public Health can direct them to easy to use online survey methods.
- The toolkits created through the County's ATP 1 grant will soon be delivered to Alice Birney, Grant, and Lafayette. Each school will get a 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade toolkit and a 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade toolkit which are housed in 5 gallon buckets. Public Health will also make toolkits available to other schools if interested.
- The monthly SRTS e-news will be ceasing however funding will be sought after to continue it in the future. North Coast Schools Insurance Group puts out several newsletters and Safe Routes related information could possibly be shared and included in their publications.
- It is hoped that Eureka City Schools maintain and keep up the paint for the skills courses on the various playgrounds.
- While Eureka's SRTS projects are wrapping up, there are ongoing and soon to begin SRTS projects at other schools in the county. There is a Countywide SRTS Task force which Eureka City Schools SRTS representatives are invited to join and participate on. The next meeting of the Countywide Task Force is April 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am at the Community Wellness Center, 908 7<sup>th</sup> street Eureka.