

# **Eureka Safe Routes to School Task Force Meeting Minutes**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

## **Members Present:**

Jenny Weiss – Redwood Community Action Agency

Jesse Willor – City of Eureka Public Works

Dan Pires – Eureka City Schools

Melanie Williams – BikesThere

Mellody Mallick – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health

Areli Cupp – Humboldt County DHHS Public Health

Kristi Puzs – Grant Elementary School

## **Eureka Trail Project**

The City of Eureka is working on a proposed trail that will connect the waterfront trail to Eureka neighborhoods traveling from Tydd St. crossing Myrtle Ave. to connect to Zane Middle School, the Eureka dog park, St. Joseph's Hospital, Washington School and Sequoia Park. This would connect to the Pacific Coast Bike Route and would be a Class I trail. A request is/has been put through the Coastal Conservancy, and the City will be looking at the Active Transportation Program for Cycle 4 funding. The City has a right of way following the sewer and is currently reaching out to land owners and stakeholders. The project will be presented at Eureka City Council on March 6<sup>th</sup>. They are requesting a letter of support from the Eureka SRTS Task Force. The City will soon schedule a meeting with the superintendent and/or ECS school board to get their input.

## **Merging Safe Routes to School Task Forces**

The next Eureka Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It will be the last meeting of the Eureka Task Force. The grants that have funded the Eureka Task Force meetings will be ending soon. Suggestions were made to present to the Eureka City School Board, draft a press release, or create a write up showing the accomplishments of this task force. The County Task Force will continue to meet every other month, Eureka Task Force participants are welcome to attend, and will aim to get meetings on a set schedule.

## **Zane Physical Activity Pledge**

Mellody and Jenny went to Zane on February 13<sup>th</sup> to talk with students in each of the PE classes. Approximately 685 students total. Made short presentation with information including the benefits of physical activity and the history of our work with the leadership class and afterschool classes over the past few years to help make walking and biking safer in the school neighborhood.

Handed out papers asking students to pledge to be active for 60 minutes each day and also to be a good role model for others. There was also an optional pledge to take home for their parents which asked them to pledge to be a safe driver because we want people to feel safe traveling in the neighborhood and often people don't because cars are speeding or the driver is texting or distracted.

By participating in the pledge/s, students will be entered into a raffle for prizes. Prizes suggested by task force members included a bike either new or refurbished and sports camp scholarship. Kristi Puzs will check in with Michael Davies-Hughes to request funds to purchase a bicycle.

### **School/District/Organization/Jurisdiction Report Out & Announcements**

#### **BikesThere/Mellody:**

- Melanie will be presenting the Walk and Roll Toolkit to ASIS on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Alice Birney and Lafayette bike clubs will be riding in the Rhody Parade on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Alice Birney will be participating in the Tour of the Unknown Coast May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Ride for Reading will be happening this Spring at Alice Birney.
- No Mans Land Film Festival Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Arcata Theater and Lounge.

#### **Public Health/Mellody**

- Fall 2017 Parent Surveys have been posted to HCAOG.
- Community Wellness Center is closing temporarily and Mellody is working to make sure materials are available for Task Force/school use during the move.

#### **RCAA/Jenny:**

- Eureka's H & I Corridor project will be presenting designs, hosting public meetings, and infrastructure pop ups in the near future.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 11, 2018 at 10am.**