

Education Committee Report

January 12, 2016

The Education Committee did not meet in December due to multiple school and community event conflicts.

John DiTomasso attended a recent PATH meeting on education and will provide a summary at the committee meeting.

SFES/SFNC Project

The canopy at SFES and a path connecting the SFES parking lot to the CA path system are complete. With completion of these projects, here is the status of the SFES/SF Neighborhood Center accessibility project:

- Tree planting at SFES – Cancelled after community feedback
- Crosswalk – complete
- Curbs – complete
- Sidewalks – widened to 7 feet in SFES carpool loop. We would still prefer wider county sidewalks along SF Road immediately in front of and to the sides of the school and neighborhood center. This may not be possible due to proximity to road and right of way
- Paths – HCPSS constructed a path connecting the crosswalk across the school parking lot to the CA path system
- Canopy – HCPSS constructed a canopy over the entrance to SFES for more efficient inclement weather arrivals and dismissals
- Traffic loop – SFES administration reconfigured the traffic loop and had lines painted to double stack the carpool line. They continue to work on the best configuration and dismissal procedure to minimize the impact to Stevens Forest Road. The week of January 4 was the first week of a new dismissal procedure at SFES using both the new front entrance and a reconfigured traffic loop.
- Crossing guard – resolved
- Installation of trash receptacle along path to SF tunnel – complete
- Dry pond drainage issues – resolved
- Wooded areas – SFES Principal is following up with HCPSS on plans to raise the canopy of the wooded area in front of the school. CA is waiting for HCPSS to coordinate on doing the same with the wooded area beside the school between SF Road and Kilimanjaro Road.
- Transportation policy – Recommend we continue to pursue amendment to the transportation policy to provide transportation to students required to attend a school further from them than the closest school offering the same grade levels.

Other News

- Kindergarten enrollment for 2016-2017 begins February 29. HCPSS is holding several orientation sessions including one in OM at OMHS tonight.
- Christine O'Connor is the new Chair of the Board of Education. Oakland Mills Cluster Representative Ellen Flynn Giles is the Vice-Chair.
- OMHS advanced placement information session, class of 2020 orientation, curriculum fair – all to be held this Thursday, January 14.
- SFES Chipotle restaurant night – Tuesday, January 26