

## Peekskill CSD PTO Committee Report Form

**Submission Date:** February 10, 2022

**Month & Year:** February 2022

**Committee:** Advocacy

**Items Requiring a Vote:** None.

### **Items Requiring Discussion:**

- **Safe Routes to School.** In December, the coalition submitted a letter with a list of specific asks - included below - for the city (this is the letter we had people sign at Saturday Academy). On Thursday, 1/6/22, we met with City Manager Andy Stewart and Chief of Police Leo Dylewski to discuss our priorities and to determine timelines for addressing each item on the list. Our specific asks were:
  - School Zones- update school zones around each building to be consistent with [NYS Law](#)
  - Crosswalks- consistently maintain current crosswalks; increase number of crosswalks within school zones
  - Signage- align School Zone signage to be consistent with NYS law around all school buildings
  - Crossing Guards- fill open positions, with a minimum of one guard near each building during school arrival and dismissals
  - Police Enforcement- for traffic violations within school zones during arrival and dismissal times
  - Code Enforcement- for all property owners

### **Summary of Safe Routes Action Items after our meeting:**

- Map of Existing School Zone Signs: photos; list of locations/condition of/text on all signs
- List of Crosswalks that need repainting for DPW Spring list (must be existing crosswalk; requests for new crosswalks will be a different project). Conor Greene will research the application to NYS for speed cameras and provide that information to Andy Stewart.

### **PTO Involvement Needed:**

- Teams of volunteers to create the map of current school zone signs at each school building
- Teams of volunteers to create the map of crosswalks around each school building
  - noting location and condition of the paint - to send to the city in spreadsheet format.

***Both of these tasks need to be completed by 3/16/22, which is the date of our next meeting w/ A Stewart.*** PTO Communications to post Crossing Guard job description obtained from Chief Dylewski; Code & Traffic Enforcement info on Social Media/email blasts so that people know who to contact regarding violations; soon - Walking Bus and

Bike Bus invitations/information - tbd; infographic on pedestrian survival rates when hit by speeding cars.

Timing on these communications can be spread out over coming months.

Advocacy training as part of this project: given the need for pandemic flexibility; not sure how to connect this with Saturday Academy. To be determined.

**Items for Information Only:**

- PNAACP Education Committee. When possible, the advocacy committee continues to attend the PNAACP's monthly education committee meetings led by Amy Perlow and Adriana Frega. These are typically the second Monday of every month at 7:30 pm (via Zoom; they are meeting again tonight).
  - PNAACP hosted a Community Town Hall on Equity in the Peekskill City School District on 1/25/22.
    - More than 60 people attended virtually via Zoom (and likely more watched on Youtube)
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- State Aid. Increased state education funding, Foundation Aid, and the Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) - no current information on needed advocacy.
- Board of Education Candidates Forum. Monday, May 9, 2022. The terms of Jillian Villon, Maria Pereira, and Michael Simpkins all expire in June 2022.