

Peekskill CSD PTO Committee Report Form

Submission Date: March 7, 2022

Month & Year: March 2022

Committee: Advocacy

Items Requiring a Vote: For the PTO to serve as the fiscal agent for the Safe Routes Peekskill Coalition as part of our coalition responsibilities.

Items Requiring Discussion: Board of Education Candidates Forum: Monday, May 9, 2022. The terms of Jillian Villon, Maria Pereira, and Michael Simpkins all expire in June 2022. Please be thinking about questions for candidates. We will be sending out emails in a month or so to gather up questions from the general public. Also, as a reminder: the League of Women Voters will not send a moderator for an uncontested election. If you know of folks who would like to run for BOE, please encourage them to pick up a packet at the admin building ASAP. Will it be virtual or in person?

Items for Information Only:

Safe Routes to School: On Wednesday, 3/16/22, we will meet with Acting City Manager Matt Alexander and Chief of Police Leo Dylewski to follow up to our first meeting in January. Topics of discussion include:

- School Zones- update school zones around each building to be consistent with [NYS Law](#). This requires extensive reviews. Will likely be the longest project.
- Crosswalks- consistently maintain current crosswalks; increase number of crosswalks within school zones: volunteers have completed surveys around each school which we will provide at our meeting. This will assist city employees (and us) to track progress from this starting point. (Thanks, volunteers!)
- Signage- align School Zone signage to be consistent with NYS law around all school buildings: same; see above.
- Crossing Guards- fill open positions, with a minimum of one guard near each building during school arrival and dismissals: we were told in January that all 6 positions are filled. We have suggestions to improve effectiveness; ask for more positions to be included in next year's budget.
- Police Enforcement- for traffic violations within school zones during arrival and dismissal times: This will be an ongoing discussion with PPD.
- Code Enforcement- for all property owners: we want to know what action was taken for snow removal violations this winter; establish a clear process for submitting violation information to the city going forward.

We are also working on implementing a Walking Bus program this spring. We hope to introduce the idea at April's Saturday Academy and offer a pedestrian safety activity at the May Saturday Academy, as part of our efforts to educate and advocate.

PTO Involvement Needed!

- Volunteers to map out Walking Bus routes and coordinate with neighbors.
- Assistance with activities at upcoming Saturday Academy events.