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REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

CBHS LEWISHAM

Held at CBHS Lewisham 5pm Wednesday, 8 March 2023

68-84 The Boulevard, Lewisham

Chair: Dr Michael Blowes (School Principal, CBHS Lewisham)

1. Welcome

Dr Michael Blowes welcomed the new members of the Committee.

2. Apologies:

A number of local residents and the Local Police Representative could not attend the meeting and sent their apologies.

3. Previous meeting Minutes reviewed

4. Guidelines of Committee

Dr Michael Blowes explained the reasons behind the formation of the Committee:

- * to give the local community a voice in the traffic solution;
- * the School working with the local community to ensure the safety of both the local residents and the School population

5. School's Action Plan

The School has been working to address a number of issues raised by local residents:

- * The School has requested that boys driving to school park away from the School in the morning and walk; and
- * The School has offered incentives to staff to avoid driving to school – paying for Opal cards, making car spots available for those who car pool.

6. External Report

An audit report from *McLaren Traffic Engineering* referring to traffic impact – 'Road Safety Audit of CBHS Lewisham' was tabled. This audit reviewed the School's Green Travel Plan & Traffic Management Plan.



Observations:

- A site visit was undertaken on Monday, 29 August 2022 during the pick-up and drop-off periods of the school. The purpose of the site visit was to observe the local traffic environment with reference to the Operational Traffic Management Plan during the peak pick-up and drop-off time and observe if there are any issues with the operation of the surrounding streets.
- No witnessing of U-turns or 3-point turns;
- Crossing Supervisor observed; 2 staff members stationed on The Boulevard in high-vis vests monitoring the pick-up/drop off zone;
- One (1) staff member stationed on Denison Rd in high-vis vest (p.s. and another at the entrance to the school);
- Drop-off procedures along The Boulevard working well; 8.25 am - congestion started to occur along Eltham St; two (2) parents dropped off in Denison Rd – this is against school procedure;
- PM Pick-up two (2) staff were observed at the bus zone along the frontage of Denison Road;
- Two (2) staff members monitoring The Boulevard pick-up zone from 3:10 pm (finish time for Primary School);
- One (1) staff member was observed to be helping students use the pedestrian crossing near the corner of Denison Road / Toothill Street;
- 2.20 pm - parents started to park in pick-up zone; illegal parking occurred on Eltham St from 2.40 pm; and congestion around the School ended by 3.25 pm.

Recommendations:

- Parents advised to move to front of drop off /pick up zones;
- Remind parents not to park illegally in Eltham St;
- Pick-up area is not a parking area – parents should be told to move on;
- The report stated that two (2) School staff observed at the following positions
 - * The Boulevard morning and afternoon
 - * Denison Road loading buses afternoon
 - * One (1) Denison Road morning and afternoon.



7. Local residents' concerns raised

- Speeding along Denison Rd (not school students, but by general road users) in the area – the speed humps put in place are doing nothing to deter speeding. This is making it difficult for road crossing, especially on the corner of the roundabout at Eltham St and Denison Rd.
- Parking is not an issue with the 2-hour parking around the School.
- The busy periods are the morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-ups.
- Buses along Denison Rd and turning into Eltham St are a problem – they can be intimidating when turning the corner.
- Crossing near the roundabout at Denison Rd and Eltham St is extremely dangerous with eyesight along the road restricted and the speed of cars travelling along Denison Rd is concerning.

8. Recommendations from the meeting

1. The School continues to educate the parent community regarding road rules in newsletters and emails by highlighting:
 - i) Parking regulations;
 - ii) Areas for drop-off and pick-up on The Boulevard;
 - iii) Speeding in the area;
 - iv) Respect for the community; and
 - v) Dangerous practice of pick-up and drop-off in Denison Rd.
2. The School continues to work with the Year 12 students who drive by:
 - i) educating students around driving rules;
 - ii) highlighting the impact of their actions on the community;
 - iii) continuing to encourage parking away from the School.
3. Approach Council about the roundabout on the corner of Eltham St & Denison Rd – is it working? What is the level of safety surrounding crossing the roads at this corner?



4. Special commendation to the Road Crossing Safety person working on The Boulevard for the outstanding job she is doing.
5. Approach the local Police about more visits to the area to monitor the traffic and driving offences.
6. Approach the Council to supervise the parking regulations of the area (2 hour parking).

Meeting Closed 6pm