

Seattle Prep NCHNA Meeting 9-15-16

Attending: Michelle Kimihira, NCHNA President; Pegeen Shean, NCHNA Past President; Jeanne Peterson, NCHNA Schools Liaison; Kent Hickey, Seattle Prep President

Topics discussed and recommendations:

- Illegal parking, especially within 5 feet of driveways
 - Teach the relevant Seattle parking code to Prep students and families and Incorporate into handbook.
 - Inform events visitors.
 - Neighborhood liaison needs to take charge of reporting infractions, either to school or parking enforcement.
 - Identifying tags or stickers on cars as part of Prep’s registration process.

- Drop-off and pick-up of students is chaotic.
 - It is a public safety issue.
 - Needs to be monitored by school traffic controller(s)—suggest administrators. Discourage idling vehicles in front of homes. This is a Clean Air issue.
 - Noise (music, voices) emanating from autos needs abatement.

- Buses need to have a designated parking area. Visiting schools need information and guidance.

- Question: Current enrollment? Answer: 720 students.

Questions to be more fully discussed in future:

- What is Prep’s response plan for disaster and lockdown and way to notify the neighborhood to ensure resident safety?

- How can the neighborhood and the school work together regarding Delmar traffic, pedestrian safety, and other common concerns like future 520 and Portage Bay Bridge plans?

Kent Hickey sent these written comments about Prep’s response to us after the meeting

“Met with Ben, our communications director. No problem on calendar link to put on NCHNA site. Michelle and Ben need to connect.

Met with our admin team. Gave them your handouts, including Municipal Parking Code. We will put a short reference to code requirements in handbook.

There will be increased admin presence at drop off and pick up times beginning Monday.

Expectations regarding student parking will be reinforced in communications and with individual offenders. Per my comments, please know that consequences are assigned to students for infractions.

If terrace is built next year and if done by September, Prep is open to neighborhood gathering there. Let's stay in touch regarding this.

We stand ready to work with a neighborhood committee on emergency response issues such as earthquake readiness. Prep can be the neighborhood hub of this if desired.

Per our discussion, Prep does want to continue to be united with local neighborhood on 520/Delmar issues. I am your contact for this.”

- Kent also told us that the Seattle University Matteo Ricci program enrollment by Prep students will end as of the 2017 school year. There will be fewer students from this year’s junior class leaving. There has been a gradual decline in students choosing this option instead of completing four years at Prep.
- He would like us to consider partnering to draft a new agreement between NCHNA and Seattle Prep. The current one expires in five years. It could contain a cap on enrollment, probably about 750 students. It would have to be approved by the Board (25 members).
- The Dean of Students, Rich Stearns, sent this update to the NCHNA Board on October 14:

“I wanted to give you a few updates regarding some concerns you expressed at an earlier meeting with Mr. Hickey. We will include language about the Municipal Code regarding parking and blocking driveways in our Handbook. Our Handbook is updated annually, but I have made the note to include it in the next revision. We have increased our adult presence at the intersections at the beginning and end of the school day and we are putting in place more organized traffic flow at those times to ease congestion.

We are communicating with schools as they bring buses for athletic events so they know where to park immediately adjacent to the school. We have reminded students of our parking expectations and will continue to enforce this in the neighborhood. If you have questions or concerns at any time,

please don't hesitate to contact me directly. If there is an immediate issue with student parking or driving, please contact me and I will make sure that we respond immediately."

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Bertschi School Meeting 10–21–2016

Attending: Jeanne Peterson, NCHNA Schools Liaison, and Rafael del Castillo, Bertschi Head of School

Topics included an overview of the section of the parent handbook, which delineates the Municipal Parking Code, procedures for pick up, drop off, and numerous ways to reduce traffic problems in the surrounding neighborhood.

The current enrollment is 242 students, with no plans to add more.

The garage can hold 20 staff vehicles. Places are assigned by a staff lottery. Staff and parent are instructed to park away from the school when possible. No dismissal traffic on Lynn Street.

The Head of School uses all–school email notifications to remind parents and staff of vehicle rules when he discovers an infraction.

There is a yellow land use notification sign next to the school. It references a prospective one story, two classroom addition on the one–story portion of the Bertschi Center, the

wood-sided building on East Boston. The addition will be at the same height as the current gym building. This building project is planned to begin in about two years.

Bertschi would like to partner with the neighborhood about SR 520 planning and building.

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