

ROCKRIMMON COMMUNITY PARKING LOT MEETING
May 22, 2007

In Attendance: Barb Barton - Rockrimmon Principal
Carol Baker - Rockrimmon Assistant Principal
Steve Strobel - District Chief Operations Officer
John Smith - District Transportation Safety Coordinator
Gary Herbst - City of Colorado Springs Transportation
and Traffic Engineers
Kristi Hensly - City of Colorado Springs Transportation
and Traffic Engineers

Approximately 7 parents
A number of neighborhood home owners

The meeting was opened by Barb Barton with words of welcome and introductions. A short history of the issues was given. This meeting was a follow-up to a meeting held on February 27th that included the principal, a representative from District 20 transportation, four people from the City Transportation/Traffic Engineers office, a city policeman and three parents. The purpose of the February 27th meeting was: To address concerns that came up at a parent meeting on Feb. 8th, brainstorm possible solutions and come up with next steps. This meeting on the 22nd of May was one of the next steps. This was an informational meeting for neighbors and patrons of the school to discuss:

- Ways to reduce cars parking throughout the neighborhood.
- Enhancing traffic flow through the neighborhood.
- Limiting the clustering of cars in the cul-de-sac.
- Creating a better traffic flow through the neighborhood.

The meeting was an on-going discussion involving a larger audience where both sides were able to express concerns. Traffic flow and parking has continued to be a topic of discussion and concern. This year was particularly challenging due to the amount of snow and the number of parents driving their students to school. Rockrimmon has experienced an increased enrollment because we are an International Baccalaureate school and a District 20 school of choice. All of these factors have contributed to a need for seeking improvement. The main point of discussion was increasing

the number of parking spaces in our parking lot. The District is looking into redesigning and relining the Rockrimmon parking lot to increase parking spaces. The need for a handicapped drop-off where students will not have to cross in traffic was discussed and a new handicapped drop-off area was designated at the end of the service drive on the west side of the school. A suggestion from the homeowners was to look at the bike rack area on the west side of the school for potential reclamation of parking spaces. Other areas would be looked at focusing on minimizing the impact to the community and cost to the school.

Another point of discussion included the courtesy or lack thereof on the part of parents who bring their children to school. There is no question that patience is needed. Everyone acknowledged that there are advantages and disadvantages to being on a dead-end street with only one way in and out of the neighborhood. It is not the intent of District 20 to alienate our school communities as we share the neighborhood and, it was expressed how much we appreciate the neighbors watching over the campus. We believe that very little vandalism occurs at Rockrimmon because of our partnership with the Homeowners Association. We want to continue this partnership between the school, the parents and the homeowners as we all look for ways to make improvements toward these issues.

In April of 2006, all schools were asked to submit a Capital Improvement plan. It was shared that the need for additional parking was included on Rockrimmon's plan should needed funds become available.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 7 :30 p.m.