

# School Safety initiatives to start over the summer



Image staff report

By Lou Fancher

School safety is a top priority for the city of Lafayette. According to a report presented by the Safe Routes to Acalanes High School team three cyclists and two pedestrians were struck and killed in Lafayette between 2014 and 2021, and there were 15 bicycle and 10 pedestrian collisions between 2014 and 2020. At its June 13 meeting the city council received a second tranche of recommendations for improving safety near four additional Lafayette schools – Happy Valley Elementary, Burton Valley Elementary, the Meher Schools, and Acalanes High School.

Engineering and Public Works Director Mike Moran along with Toole Design Group (TDG) Senior Planner Drew Parker presented an overview of the projects, an update on one element the council at its April 11 meeting had requested involving the intersection at Pleasant Hill Road and Quant Road near Springhill Elementary, and a summary of TDG, staff and the Transportation and Circulation Commission recommendations and next steps.

Parker showed images from the Pleasant Hill Road intersection demonstrating how adding K-rail barriers, flex-posts, curb markings and object marker signs would make the island stand out visually and would improve the “pork chop”-shaped island’s safety.

Happy Valley Elementary School recommendations centered on traffic control, according to Parker, where speed and sightline problems would be solved by improving the visibility of crosswalks and adding lane delineators at the front of the school and a second crosswalk at the west driveway.

At Burton Valley Elementary School, traffic calming was again a focus. Recommended measures showed that heightened crosswalk visibility would immediately improve pedestrian safety and with minor modifications the school could be better connected to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. With a community-generated pilot study ongoing, Parker said TDG limited their recommendations to simple steps, such as removing trail bollards and increasing marker visibility at the trail outlet near Sandalwood Court.

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# Passing the Baton – Kim departs as LES principal, Barclay steps in



Ann Kim Photo Sharon K. Sobotta

By Sharon K. Sobotta

When Ann Kim departs her role as the Lafayette Elementary School principal this month, she’ll leave behind both a depth and a breadth of experiences in the district. Kim arrived in the Lafayette School District in 2006. In her 16-year tenure in the district, she spent three years at Stanley, two years at Burton Valley and four years at Happy Valley where she served as a special ed teacher and a reading specialist. After getting an administrative credential, she took on a position as assistant principal at Burton Valley, and finally landed the position of the Lafayette Elementary School principal. The one school in the district Kim didn’t work at, Springhill, is the one Kim’s sons attended, which Kim points out means that the Kims’ have been at every school in the district.

Even as Kim has been teaching and leading students and teachers over the years, she has never stopped learning or even going to school, for that matter. Kim began a Human Resources certification course through the Association of California School Administrators months before the pandemic in fall of 2020 and then finished the program last spring. Her long-term goal was to work in the district for at least the duration of time her children were students here. “I am continually honing my skills,” Kim says. Although Kim wasn’t in a particular rush to leave, the serendipitous alignment of timing made now seem like the right time to transition. “When the Director of Human Resources job (opened up) in the Dublin School District, I was eager to apply and I’m excited about this new adventure.”

While Kim says her decision to transition at this time has everything to do with her excitement to put her new certification to use and transition to her next professional adventure and nothing to do with the pandemic, she admits that the pandemic was a trying time. “Running a school during the pandemic has undoubtedly been the most challenging part of my time as a principal. We were flying the plane as it was being built, and we were often asked to change direction while in mid-air,” Kim says.

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