

SCC Meeting October 9th 5:04pm

Parents in attendance: Whitney Fenech (1st year) Jessica Wright (1st year)
Michelle Whitchurch (2nd year) Melissa Jensen (2nd year)

Elections: Melissa Jensen Chair, Jessica Wright Vice chair

School Goals for Literacy: 100 percent typical or better growth. Growth based on the Individual student.

- Attendance- continues to struggle 45% with chronic abstentionism (missed 18 days or more)
- Chronic absenteeism is a large reason for poor test scores. Includes excused absences.
- Student Well-being survey: Social & Emotional, School climate (sense of belonging). Goal is 100%, Heartland sits at 70%, highest percent since being tracked.
- Daily attendance has sat around 82-85%. In September we hit 91%, the goal is 90% or above.

Halloween Parade:

- Security is being monitored. Classrooms and costumes are screened.
- Family and friends are allowed outside only. Parking in lot and blacktop.
- Halloween parade begins sharply at 9:30.
- Classroom parties begin at 1:30pm. Teachers should be mindful of the amount of parent volunteers.
- Classroom party volunteers should have a purpose. Volunteer form should be complete (ideally in advance). No background check necessary unless 1:1 with students.
- Discussion on photo policy. Volunteers should not take photos in the classroom.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

- Experience should always be positive.
- Success binders track and monitor your student success. There should be getting between parents and teachers. These are the goals, and these are the steps we are taking.
- The communication should be coming directly from the teacher with whom taught it.
- All in one document was helpful.
- Teachers took time and didn't rush, regardless of line.
- Discussion of pros/cons of classroom meeting and openair meetings. Considering zoom meetings (Thurs 4-5:30) with appointments for more private conversations.
- 80% turnout
- Concern over vaccines in front foyer. Privacy along with the spectacle seen by bystanders.

Cold Weather:

- 21 or below feels like temp, heavy rain or heavy snow or unsafe walking path.
- Bad air quality days. Orange days is given the option. Red is everyone inside.
- Heartland strives for recess assistants to give teachers a duty-free lunch. Heartland excels by doing individual grades at lunch and recess.
- Coats available for students. Very few times we force kids to have coats.

Cell Phone Policy:

- Updated cell phone policy changes. Similar to Heartland except device silence and out of sight during the day
- Heartland previously allowed watches and doesn't punish phones in pocket.
- Approximately 60% of Heartland has some sort of smart device.
- Secondary schools allow phones during lunch and in between times. Pouches are experimental at this point.
- Disruption and distraction are the biggest issues. Buzzing in pocket and getting repeating interrupted.
- School policy allows teachers to be supported. 1st offense, 2nd, 3rd offence.
- Whatever rules are implanted it needs to be a universal rule.
- Parent Square is awesome. Parents want access to their kids without disrupting teachers.

Internet Safety:

- Pictures being problematic for kids.
- Kids are getting targeted and scammed with Instagram. Personal photos being used as blackmail.
- No phones in bathrooms.
- No awareness about the surrounding backgrounds. #I wouldn't eat that cake.
- Social media has created concern about kids' safety.
- Awareness is key. There are families in our community that don't want photos of their kids taken and please be respectful.

Future Agenda Items:

- Bridge
- Land Trust Money

6:12 pm ended