**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 27th, 2022**

**Attendees:** Buddy Alger (Principal,) Jessica Stowe (Vice Principal,) Andrea Robinson (Chair,) Janiece Atwood (Secretary-prepares minutes,) Michelle Whitchurch, Melissa Jensen, Whitney Fenech, Marlane Forsyth, Kate Walker

**Meeting Start Time:** 5:02 p.m.

**Welcome:** Andrea

Thanks for serving on SCC this year. Please sign up again next year. We'll all be at

Heartland next year except Kate (her youngest will move on to middle school.) Thank

you all for being so involved and invested!

**End of Year Activities:** Buddy

**May 31st Grad Walk** Requested this, but haven't heard back yet.

**June 1st Awards Day (Husky, Most Improved and other pins)** Held in person, by

"lump" grade in 3 assemblies- KG, 1st and 2nd / 3rd & 4th / 5th & 6th. No

parents attend. Husky Award info to go home this Tuesday if it didn't go at

PTC. Due back 5/13.

**KG and 6th grade Graduation Ceremonies** Parents may attend. Not scheduled yet.

6th cap and gown pictures to celebrate them. This is new at Heartland!

**June 2nd Field Day, Next Year Teacher Day, Share Talent Show Video** This is a big day

for PTA. We can possiblly schedule bounce houses for free. Kids will get to

visit next year's teacher and class. This is the first time! Watch 30 minute

talent show (on video.) He loves digital version-more participants, less chaos

to schedule an assembly. Teachers can show classes with flexibility.

**June 3rd Dance Festival** Michelle having communication problems with DJ so she'll

call again. Coach T is teaching dances to all grades. All kids 4th-6th loving it,

KG-2nd not so enthused because they've never been able to do this at

Heartland, so it's unfamiliar. 8a.m.-12p.m. regular Friday hours. Kids can be

'checked out' outside after the dance, but school officially goes until noon.

Report cards handed out. No parents inside if possible. Take pictures

outside, kids can go in to retrieve their stuff to go home early or at noon.

Hoping dance is at 9a.m. Hot lunch not usually served this day, sometimes a

sack lunch, but this will be a full, hot lunch service.

**Summer School:** Buddy

Proposed that we'll have funding for 2 weeks in middle of June (Summer Camp).

Only about 1/3 funding as last year. Focus is literacy and STEM. ESSER funds have

changed so we just don't have some money. Bus is approved again. All levels who

*want* to be here are very welcome. Had 90 kids last year. More than all surrounding

schools including highschool. Kids will benefit at all levels. Schedule will be M-Th

9a-12p (9-11 instructional time, 11-12 playing and eating lunch.)

**End of Year RISE and Acadience Testing:** Buddy

Kids are working hard. Seeing approximately 7% increase; not fully done testing.

This is a baseline year; hard to know where we really were. Acadience looks great!

Most "At Risk" readers are also "Red" level; they typically take multiple years to

advance from that level. 27 or 28 at beginning of year, currently at 4! 86% of our kids

should be at level when they go on to middle school. May 2nd-only 1 day testing.

Kate asks how our 'mid-year testing' looked 3 years ago. Reading and math were

really low (masks and shields made it hard to test.) Only 3rd grade tested well that

round.

**Back To School Night (PTA & School):** Buddy

Everyone liked how it went last year, no complaints from people other than long food

line and parking problems. PTA table was easily accesssible. We need to announce

"If you don't want pizza, skip the ine and go meet teachers." Maybe we can have

more people hand out pizza to speed things up. All teachers will be in the gym

(instead of in the classrooms.) Makes it easier to meet multiple teachers. Loved

handing out the school supplies and letting them pick what they want/need. May

need general meeting this year for PTA vote on the budget (last year we got special

permission to do it all on paper-Covid allowed it.)

**Specials Next Year (Music, Art, PE):** Buddy

It's official! All of our 'specials' teachers will be in same roles next year!

**Inside Days (Weather):** Buddy

We go off of the "feels like" temperature. Below 21 degrees is inside. We also

follow "air quality" as determined by state. All agree it should remain the same going

forward.

**Misc. Info:**

Bridge-Michelle asks Buddy about progress. Emailed Tom and Lance for updates; no

update, no response. City council meeting is tonight so if he hears anything, he'll

email Andrea so she can forward the message. He'll call mayor at end of week if no

response.

SCC next year- Andrea has done 4 years as Chair, so we'll hold elections in Fall for this

position.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:42 p.m.