**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**Heartland Media Center**

**Attendees:** Buddy Alger (Principal,) Janiece Atwood (Secretary-prepares minutes,) Andrea Robinson (Chair,) Whitney Fenech, Melissa Jensen, Michelle Whitchurch, Jessica Stowe (Assistant Principal,) Jessica Wright

**Meeting Start Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**1. Welcome and any additional introductions** Buddy and Andrea discuss when members don't

get excused from a meeting or don't reply to any emails or ever come to meetings. Alina

Anderson (Art Specials) is excused; we forgot to add her to our email reminder list so she'll

be added after today. If a member misses 2 meetings, they're still always welcome to attend,

they just can't vote or be considered a member.

**2. Approve last meeting minutes** Janiece sent them 11/7/22, brought a copy to send around to

review and initial. Jessica Stowe will keep these.

**3. Parent Teacher Conferences** Will stick with open-house schedule; timeliness works great!

 **Promise and Power Standards** document shown to us on a slide. Common Core is

 unrealistic, has wide age-range expectancies. We're working with PLC teams and

 deciding as a team what is a MUST that they learn in their time here (we call it

 Promise and Power Standards.) Teachers break out the most important things to

 learn in the entire school year, based on Utah state standards.

 **Learning Scales** template will track progress and keep on pace. It will be same across

 the board; consistent regardless of teacher and/or student. A grading scale that all

 agree on, connected to what the kids should be learning.

 **New Progress Reports** Next year our report card will look different. CFA (Common

 Form of Assessments) what we call success binders, are part of this. Next year,

 parents will see them more often, possibly monthly, not just at Parent Teacher

 Conferences. His goal is to provide clarity to teachers, kids and families-grades,

 expectations, their current knowledge and full-picture goals. This will also connect

 lower grade teachers to upper grade teachers. This is currently a Heartland thing, but

 the district and even nation is working on new report cards as well. Passing off and

 completing assignments is still important, but it's more important they're passing

 them off (showing mastery level at testing.) Wants to communicate this with parents

 as early as 3 weeks into the year, in September, not as late as 1st PTC's when school

 year is in full swing.

**4. Assistant Principal Review**: Jess Stowe

 **Safe Walking Routes** Jess Stowe drove through our school neighborhoods and

 boundaries to see what needs to be addressed. All this info is on our website and

 she showed a map of our boundaries. 1300 W. Bora Bora-no power to light that they

 installed, the sidewalk isn't finished, no cones, no flashing light-this doesn't seem

 like a safe walking route to her, so she'll ask for improvements. Callie Drive (behind

 Heartland) has blind curve when headed east, nothing to indicate that kids will be

 there to cross. Maybe placing a sign on the fence would help, but may be too late at

 that point. Buddy suggests a sign on white fence near twin homes or on the road

 itself. Parking lot-trying to deter everyone from going into the bus area on west side

 of school (even if dropping off for breakfast because it causes bad habits.)

 **Walking Bridge Update** No updates; last date we heard was June 2023. Rods have

 been placed in ground to test for settlement info. Fence line is our property, park

 strip (7000 South) is the city's responsibility now and they've asked us not to touch it.

 Hoping to avoid chain link (they collect political signs.) Still looking at funding and

 bridge engineering- these are not a new problem or concern, just new to the people

 there because all of our other contacts don't work there anymore. Bridge will add

 some possible additional parking to East side of driveway. He'd love to use north

 field for additional parking because it's not ever played on (too far away for the

 guards to watch kids there,) but he doesn't think the expense will be justified. A big

 parking lot problem we have is parents dropping kids off in the parking lot-treating it

 like a drive-thru lane. WJMS uses cones to keep parents out of there. We have

 concern about crossing guard safety. Cops have visited and written 130 citations since

 school year started. People blow through stop signs and don't follow speed limits.

 Cop comes about once a week to monitor 7000 South. 1300 is dangerous for crossing

 guard as well.

**5. Land Trust Plan 2023-2024** Buddy-we anticipate approx. $60,000.00- 1) want to put it

towards 'Specials' teachers-to meet, collaborate, collect data, share all the best ideas (PLC's)

and 2)purchase additional technology for kids.

**6. West Jordan Elementary Closure** Will impact us in 2 ways. 1) our size is getting noticed

because we are one of the smaller elementaries, but we are not closing. Our enrollment is

not declining-anticipating growing by 60-70/year. 2) Families are looking for permits. We

didn't gain any of them because kids would have to cross Redwood. However, families are

electing to permit in and this will increase our numbers. Possibly allowing everyone who

asks, unless there are significant behavior problems. After mid-January, he'll be more

selective because there is no money offered at that point, just growing our class sizes and he

want to keep them low. (District pays money only through January.) Currently, our

enrollment is 442 KG-6th. Lost 8 over break, gained 11 since break (6 today.) Doesn't include

Pre-K or Excell (different funding source.)

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:57 p.m.

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023**