**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**January 10, 2024 (held via ZOOM)**

**Attendees:** Buddy Alger (principal,) Whitney Fenech (parent,) Angela Solum (asst. principal,) Melissa Jensen (member,) Alina Anderson (staff/member,) Andrea Robinson (Chair,) Michelle Whitchurch (member,) Janiece Atwood (Vice Chair, prepares minutes)

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

**1. Welcome:** Andrea

Sudden snow storm caused this meeting to be held over Zoom. Andrea emailed and

made phone calls to make them aware of this change.

**2. Approve last meeting minutes:** Janiece

Emailed in advance to Buddy, Andrea and Michelle. Emailed to all of the board at start

of this meeting. Printed physical copy to be handed off at next in-person meeting.

Michelle motions to approve, Melissa 1st, Alina 2nd

**3. Digital Citizenship:** Buddy

Approved as a council last year. Wants to change it a bit this year. Wants to talk about

the dangers of apps and cell phone use-how they can be a time-waster, affect mental

health, cause distractions at school. Teach kids to be careful with social media and

realize that so many accounts are fake, (also note that kids are allowed to create

multiple accounts.) "YouTube Kids" is ok, but not just "YouTube". Kids should not have

secrets from parents, show ways that parents can safeguard their kids.

There will be a digital night taught at WJMS by the SRO (1/29 and 2/1 @ 4:05-4:45).

Same info each night, everyone welcome to attend. Buddy will try to go on 1/29.

Janiece will go and collect info to share on 2/1.

**4. Safe Walking Routes:** Angela

Our 3 concerns are the bridge, signage behind the school and a missing sidewalk.

1) Bridge-no updates still, need a meeting with West Jordan City for more info.

2) Signage-behind the school, on the bend. Needed better signs marking the

crosswalk; additional signs have been placed, so this helps.

3) Sidewalk on 1300 West (does not exist.) There's a crosswalk at Bora Bora,

but not a crossing guard. Signs have been changed to show it's not a

designated safe walking route; encourage kids to continue on 1300 W.,

rather than crossing. Flags have been added. Hope they help the kids

to cross as they start to get used more. Buddy wants to talk to WJ

about flashing lights-very effective and much more affordable than the

bridge.

No boundary changes.

Ways we educate parents and kids about this include 4 Skylerts/year, a packet sent

home at beginning of year, 'Walk & Bike to School' days held 2 times/year, physically

guiding cars and parents at drop-off and pick-up in our lot. Of course, still ongoing

problems exist. He's open to new ideas.

Parents report that the crossing guard leaves at 8:20 on 1300 W. 7000 So. so kids are

crossing alone. Buddy let her sergent know and this was denied, so we'll continue to

watch that. Buddy will follow up.

**5. Land Trust Plan 2024-2025:** Buddy

We receive approx. $50,000.00. This pays for Alina's salary and facilitates teachers in a

professional setting. We're on track for spending it all. Goal from 2022-2023 – 50% or

above students will demonstrate 'typical, above or well-above level growth in literacy'

during the 2023-2024 school year. Currently we are at 59% already meeting their

growth goal! This is awesome! Last year, we exceeded as well. He assumes we'll be

around 80% this year. He'll put a draft together of how he plans to spend this money

and present this info in March. Luckily, Alina can do full-time with us; she is so thankful

and the kids are, too! Consistency with the kids is good. She focuses on integrations

and dual language, as well, so she's great at our school!

**6. Recognition and Celebrations:** Buddy

Pins are getting too expensive, so it is more cost-effective to celebrate kids with "Brag

Tags". They'll be celebrated at end of this month and again at end of year. Kids can

earn a variety of celebrations/rewards including Principal’s 100 Club, Student of the

Month, Student of the Semester, Most Improved Student (year-end), individual core

subjects, etc.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

School-wide Improvement

Land Trust and TSS Plan

Attendance plans-we have major attendance problems- 55% of our students are

'chronically absent', missing 2+ days/month

Michelle-please add student safe walking instruction

Please let Andrea or Buddy know of anything else you would like discussed at a

meeting. All items must be on agenda no less than 1 week in advance of

meeting date.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:34 p.m.

**Remaining Meeting Dates: 3/13/24, 4/24/24, Wednesdays @5p.m. in media center**