**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**Heartland's Media Center**

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

**Meeting Start Time:** 5:04 p.m.

**1. Welcome:** Andrea

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

 Passed around, initialed. Buddy collected and will post on website.

**3. Report on Safe Walking Route, Meeting with UDOT, WJC and the district:** Buddy and Jessica

 No new word once rods were placed until last meeting. Update-Most of the money is

 there, still trying to secure additional funds through federal grant. Should be funded

 by summer of 2024 and installed shortly after, also in 2024. This is later than we were

 originally told, but at least now this new date is documented so that it can't be

 pushed into 2025. Now that they're responding to us and being transparent, we can

 just wait (no need to send letters/emails/calls.) Buddy went to a meeting with the

 city as well as UDOT and felt good about the progress-bridge design, layout, plan of

 widening 70th, new lane in front of bridge. Design firm already been paid. If they

 stop communication with us, we'll hold another meeting or send them our concerns.

 Buddy will go to school board to present Heartland's "why" we're doing this, then

 he'll share more info with us. He's doing anything he can to keep the ball rolling.

**4. Parent Teacher Conferences Review and Success Binders:** Buddy

 PTC's were rescheduled to March 1st, due to the 2 snow days; he felt it was important

 to hold it in person in order for parents to see binders, participate in book swap and

 see art display. Had a great turn out, despite the date change and only holding one

 actual day of in-person PTC's. PTA was very flexible with the meal for teachers-

 thanks! Art show in the media center was a new addition and a hit-thanks Alina! She

 plans to create a slide show to add to our variety show or end-of-year. We can

 possibly add it to our school's YouTube channel for families to view as well.

**5. Land Trust Plan and Data Review (PLCs)** Expecting approx. $58,000.00

 **a. Data Review** -Reading data from middle of year, compared to beginning of year.

 KG- about 70% come in with no reading ability resulting in 80% great success; highest

 growth score in district. 1st had exceptional growth in reading whole words. 2nd

 overall reading ability about 40/60, significant improvement, but not enough. 3rd

 better than 2nd, then 2nd and 3rd cross-collaberated. Great growth due to teacher's

 intentional planning. L.T. money allows us to have fully trained, licensed "specials"-

 good for quality learning experience in things such as art and PE. He proposes the

 following, but will write up the plan and send us a copy to review.

 **i. Keep Full-time BTS Specialist (Visual Art)** -Alina couldn't do her level of

 planning and quality art teaching if she were only part-time, plus

 she's helping around the school in other areas.

 **ii. Partial Salary for PE Teacher-** Coach T-he'll fund the rest from another

 source.

 **iii. Possible Summer Curriculum Planning Days**- Thinking and hoping there

 will be a summer session. He's looking into a Science-based grant

 that provides the teachers and the lessons to give our teachers a

 break if they want one. Buddy will possibly get his CDL in order to

 drive a bus for this.

 **iv. Any additional distribution would be used for technology for students,**

 **Professional Development-Summer planning, or additional assistants**

**6. TSSA (Teacher Student Success) Plan -Literacy and Instructional focus**

 **i. Two Full-Time instructional Coaches-** they compare and provide teachers

 with data.

 **ii. Literacy Aides for 'Walk to Read'-** Would like to hire as many as possible,

 especially important for early readers, but higher readers as well.

 Students get more education/experience out of programs such as

 'Readers Theater,' than just spending more time on a computer.

 **iii. Professional Development-** Wants to continue to boost support for

 teachers and aids so they're always up to date.

**7. Title I Plan (Literacy, Math growth, ESL Class Sizes, Individual Learning Plans for students,**

 **Full time support for students)-** Buddy

 4.5 teachers paid with this money. Funded 1.5 teachers for 6th grade, alone, because

 their last 'normal' year was their 3rd grade. They missed a lot of school for various

 reasons, Covid and more, so they deserve this last "boost" at Heartland.

 **i. Lower Class Sizes-** Teachers need time with their kids. Largest class used to

 be 31, then 26, and now 22-23. Enrollment is predicted to go up 75-80,

 hitting about 500 presumably. Will need to find funding solutions,

 but not too concerned yet. Wants to make sure kids aren't getting

 overlooked and left behind with these increased numbers.

 **ii. Specials Teachers-** Add a 4th special, Science or possibly Computer Science.

 (Julie White is funded separately and part-time.)

 **iii. Full Time Family Resource Spanish-Speaking Assistant-** Julia Gomez

 replaced Shannon Nielson as our Homeless Specialist. Wants to focus

 on avoiding problems before they start. Shannon was part-time, Julia

 will be funded for full time.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:50 p.m.

**Next SCC Meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.**