**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.**