**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

**Heartland Media Center**

**Attendees:** Alina Anderson (staff,) Angela Solum (Asst. Principal,) Buddy Alger (Principal,) Janiece Atwood (Co-Chair, prepares minutes,) Lisa Dean (JSD board,) Andrea Robinson (Chair,) Melissa Jensen (member,) Michelle Whitchurch (member,) Whitney Fenech (parent)

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

**1. Welcome** Andrea

Thank you to everyone for attending tonight; happy to have Lisa Dean visiting as well.

**2. Approve last meeting minutes**

Emailed in January to the board. Physical copy to be passed around and

initialed. Angela will keep this copy. 1st: Michelle, 2nd: Buddy. All approved.

**3. Safe Walking Route**

Bridge: land has been donated officially, design is done, just waiting on full-

funding and official approval to spend the money. This should be in 2025, as

originally planned.

We submitted 3 requests: Flags have been added, lights added on both signs, extra

signage is up. All new crosswalks in West Jordan will get lights on both sides (this is a

great!) Huge celebration and thanks to our SCC persistence.

Angela: Walk/Bike to School Day is held twice/year. We're going to collaberate with

our efforts to improve the attendance problem (this is a nation-wide problem, on-

going since the pandemic.) Introducing a new "Walking School Bus" to help keep kids

safe by walking in a large group with an adult volunteer. Some parents can't drive or

walk their kids to school, so attendance is bad. We expect this to start out slow until

word gets around. Volunteer adults only. Will promote this on the 6th, see who is

interested, parents can commit to a certain day of the week. Volunteer would be

gifted an official jacket to thank them, but also to signify that this is our official "safe"

person. These parents will get background checks. Kids will never go inside a house

with these volunteers; only outside and only walking to school. 1300 W. will probably

be our busiest area, so we'll start our focus on the south and east neighborhoods of

the school.

**4. White Ribbon Week, April 15th-19th, 2024**

3 handouts given from Buddy (5 sides of great info.) SCC is in charge of this week.

Will broaden from just digital safety at school to involving and educating parents, too.

It seems parents are either worried about not knowing enough about technology OR

not giving their kids enough privacy (handout, " It's not about privacy, it is about your

child's safety"). He rewards "snitches" with takis and sodas, because he encourages

kids to speak up. Info sent home to parents by Skylert and a packet, this will not be

discussed at school with the kids. Buddy found this info on 10-15 different websites.

Melissa shared with Buddy about a guy she listens to, named 'Chris Mckenna'

("Protect Young Eyes"). He has great info on social media, gives great conversation

starters that are helpful to parents in order to discuss with their kids. He's a great

source, but has so much info, that Buddy downsized it to be sent home. Parent

requests: please cite your sources, per Michelle. Andrea- please add eye-appeal,

make it less-boring, so parents don't ignore it. Buddy suggests he can use Canva for

this. Add a link on our Heartland website. Buddy's going after 'YouTube' and

'YouTube Kids' more than others. It can be a great gift, but also a HUGE problem. A

simple search on Minecraft or sports, for example, leads to inappropriate content

within 6 screens. They just hired 10,000 new moderators at YouTube. Many parents

don't know how to keep an eye on their kids' electronics. Other handouts, "Be Smart

About Your Kid's Apps" and "15 Apps Parents Should Know About", show a brief

description on apps and the icon for parents to recognize. Heartland will do a suicide

prevention lesson in April. Handout, "How Can SafeUT Help?" will go out to raise

awareness, too; mostly to 5th and 6th graders because most of them have phones.

**5. Land Trust Plan and Data Review (PLCs)**

An email was sent on 2/26 notifying us that the Final Report that was implented in

2022-2023 has been approved and now completed. This was written up based on the

last meeting.

We receive approx. $60,000.00. This plan is an awesome use of money. It made a

huge difference towards our goal. Literacy is our 1st goal, math will be our target

next year.

**a. Data Review**

**i. Full-time BTS Specialist (Visual Art)** Pays .6 of Alina's salary. She sees each class every week; that allows teachers to be at PLC's

(creating, studying data.) Some data: in 2021 20%, 2022 60%, 2023

64%, at this point of year, we're on track to be at 75% in 2024.

**ii. Any additional distribution would be used for Professional**

**Development, additional assistants, enrichment groups.**

Vote on Land Trust plan-motion by Andrea, 1st: Michelle, 2nd: Melissa. All approve.

**6. TSSA Plan-Literacy and Instructional Focus**

This money is given to the schools from the board. We have 3 priorities, listed in

order

**i. Two Full Time Coaches** partial of one and full of another. We share

employees and swap funds. (Annie O. and Stephanie L.)

**ii. Literacy Aides for Walk to Read** help kids one-on-one. Sometimes

intervention, sometimes enrichment-whatever is needed per student

**iii. Professional Development**

**7. Title I Plan -Literacy, Math growth, ESL Class Sizes, Individual Learning Plans for students, Full time support for students**

All of this money is used to hire people and for family engagement nights

**i. Lower Class Sizes** 25-29 is the norm outside of here; 19-20 is our average,

70%+ live in poverty

**ii. Specials Teachers** Full-time PE teacher (Coach T) and full-time science

teacher (Linnarz)

**iii. Full Time Family Resource Spanish-Speaking Assistant** Julia Gomez-she's a

mom and crossing guard in our community; she coordinates homeless

assistants, meals, Christmas giving, etc. (.4 pay to be here full time)

**8. Attendance Plan**

Discussed and included in #3 above

**9. Awards and Recognition**

Each student held accountable to make growth to 1 years' worth, regardless of where

they start. This ensures that the kids who are on track aren't being ignored and are

still eligible to earn this, such as the dinner party held last year. Ideas for this year- a

video game/pizza party truck rental, cool Heartland jackets.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

Approve our Cold Weather and Land Trust Plans, elections (decide whether it's in the

spring or fall)

**Misc. Item**

Melissa would like communications, possibly Face-Time, with the 'Specials' teachers

to know what they're learning and doing. They do so much for our kids, we don't

thank them enough, because we just don't know or see it as often. Maybe a grade-

level newsletter would be helpful. Alina will discuss with her team and come up

with something.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 @ 5 p.m.**