**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**October 12, 2022**

**Held in Heartland's Media Center**

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

**Meeting Start Time:** 5:03 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Jamie Rodgers missing tonight's meeting.

Watch quick video on our role (link below.) $3 billion Land Trust money to be

distributed. By Oct. 20th, we must form a council and hold first meeting. Post the

names/info of members on council. Update school website with current info for this

school year. To increase family engagement-use multiple platforms, collaberate with

other groups, parent-to-parent communication. No term limits anymore, but it's

important to stagger roles so that as members (Chair, Secretary) age out, we aren't

left trying to fill all roles at once.

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**2. Title I Benefits & Budgets**

Free and reduced lunch determines our Title I status. Having free lunch for 2 years

(due to Covid,) makes us look better than we actually are. We recieved 60%

reduction ($225,000.00 less) funds than we were used to getting. Having large

amounts of refugees here has also hurt us. We don't expect a change for a few years

until current data is tracked.

Title I-$248,000.00 allocated (used for classroom reduction teachers, full-time PE

teacher, additional assistants, coach, support staff, technology-all to focus on smaller

class sizes.) This allows better connection, focus, planning time, more intentional

teaching. Pays 4.5 individuals with these funds. Still plan to do the same as before.

Full-day KG and smaller class sizes are important to Buddy.

Officer positions (Janiece, Michelle, Andrea) need to sign Buddy's form agreeing that

this was discussed tonight.

**a. Compact and Family Engagement policy**

'F' is Heartland's current letter "grade". It's been a 'B' years ago, then went

lower. The standards are high and not accurate. It's an odd scale-growth

system. 'D' is expected this year after pandemic, plus we have high ESL

numbers. Proficiency 47% on Acadience KG-6th (reading,) 59% above average

growth. RISE data-average 30% rise, growth 59% (almost doubling proficiency

coming out of pandemic.) Extreme growth, closing the gap. Making "above

average growth" when compared to surrounding cities. This is partly because

our KG starters are at a lower level, so there's more room to grow. Then it

appears we make "multiple year's growth" as compared to other areas. Goal:

make 59% grow to 70% proficiency data (which is 5% above state average.)

**3. Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties**

Outside parade only. If bad weather, we cancel it for safety (not brought inside.)

9:30 a.m. on Monday. Parties starting at 1:30 p.m. or later. Alternate activity for those

who don't want to participate. Teachers will communicate about parties to parents.

**4. Parent Teacher Conferences, Student Learning Logs, Promise and Power Standards, and Learning Scales**

PTC- open-house style. Conference is *A* time to talk to parents, but not *THE* only

time. There is more back-and-forth communication with parents. 81% (roughly) of

parents attended open-house conferences-this is our average (great when compared

to mIddle school PTC attendance, which is 30-50%.)

Learning logs-help teachers be clear with objectives, purpose-connected to Utah

State standards. Every student has access to grade-level curriculum. Remedial

and/or advanced instruction offerred when/where needed.

Alena-art should be displayed at PTC since that's one of the biggest events with

parents in the school. Part of her art grant, states that art has to be displayed in the

school. We can add some to our websites as well. Ann Henrie will be taking

over/helping with our social media pages.

Report cards- PTC no longer align with end of quarter. Progress report sent home at

end of 2nd quarter. Goal is a 3 for students, but not likely to be there at beginning of

year. He sends a letter explaining this to parents. As year progresses, they move

towards proficiency. Pinning ceremony to track kids' progress. More 3's and 4's

towards end of year.

**5. Updated information about Trust Lands and TSSA**

TSSA-passed during pandemic-Buddy used this to provide aids, assistants, reading

"Walk to Read" program and assistants-7 individuals.

Trust Lands pay 60% art and 30% PE (Coach T and Ms. Anderson.) Kids love them!

**6. Cold Weather (Inside Days Criteria)**

21 degrees and below is inside day; measured by "feels like" temp. Everyone likes

how it's been, make no changes. Coats were distributed at PTC. There are also more

warm clothes available if needed. We gave away 275 coats to kids in need!

**7. Walking Bridge Update**

Design is beatiful, but not done. Bolts have been placed in ground to measure

settlement. Will revisit in 2-3 months. Anticipate start date-May 2023-to be open

and ready for ribbon cutting at start of new school year. Also planning a big "Walk to

School" event-fun celebration for our community who have waited so long! His hope

is to have kids exit to east on concrete landing (not right onto 70th South.) Buddy has

been very involved in each step so keep him updated with our thoughts or concern

along the way. Michelle said to remind them we are 3 "F's" (Family, Friendly and

Fierce) so we'll start sending emails again if they don't keep the process going.

**8. Misc. Info**

Andrea-put on agenda for next meeting to find a Co-Chair/Vice Chair since Kate

Walker is no longer here.

Agenda items to be added 7 days in advance (let Andrea or Buddy know.) At end of

each meeting, he always asks about any questions or concerns as well.

Alena Anderson (art) is our teacher rep this year. She was requested because she

sees every student as well as all staff (unlike a grade-specific teacher.)

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:58 p.m.

**Future Meetings: Jan. 18th, Mar 8th, April 19th (Wednesdays) @ 5p.m.**