**Heartland Elementary**

**School Community Council Meeting**

**Wed. October 11th, 2023**

**Heartland's Media Center**

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

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

**1. Welcome and Introductions. Confirmation vote for two new members.**

Buddy goes over new rules that the district is enforcing. We need 2 new

members; can't be Buddy or Alina, must be parents. Alina represents the teachers.

Go over the Rules of Order. Elections held every other year or yearly. Motion for

someone to serve made by Michelle: Andrea 1st, Melissa 2nd. Michelle and Melissa

will serve as other 2 parents. Anyone can attend these meetings and share opinions,

etc.; they just aren't allowed to vote if not a member.

**2. Title I benefits**

The majority is spent on the 'Free or Reduced' (kids at or below poverty level.)

Next, this pays for 2 classroom-reduction teachers (currently for younger grades),

plus 4th, full-time PE and Linnarz for Science. Also, pays for full-day KG. We receive

about 1/2 million dollars/year.

**a. Compact and Family Engagement policy**

This info went home along with the '1st day' packet of school policies.

Even if not signed and returned, all in attendance agree to the rules

here at Heartland. We can't force them to sign, but it's the rules to

attend here.

**3. Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties**

State is trying to eliminate parades for a couple of reasons; it's a disruption to

learning, they believe holidays should be celebrated at home (some view them as

evil, worshiping the dead, etc.) and for safety reasons (so many additional people

here, no ID required, some come in masks, some want to enter the building...)

However, he plans to hold one outside, like Shelly Davis started. Will be held at 9:30

a.m. There will be security outside, no parents allowed inside. We will cancel if

rain/bad weather. Class parties all held at end of day. Teachers will decide the

number of parents allowed/needed to help. They'll communicate this with parents.

There will be an alternate activity for those who don't want to participate (Alina

always has a place and activity for those, but instead they don't usually attend school

that day.)

**4. Parent Teacher Conferences, Success Binders, Promise and Power Standards, and Learning Scale**

He plans to keep the open-house style. Melissa-it gets loud in the gym, maybe split

in half next time. Michelle likes PTC in connection with report cards like in past

years. There will be a new schedule this year; it will look a bit different, but a note

will come home to explain the new report cards. We need flyers to advertise the art

and science displays. It wasn't attended as well this year. Possibly add more posters,

plus word of mouth. Will advertise and show off wellness center more. Buddy fully

believes in SEL and happy about it at our school.

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

21 or below will be inside, as in past. Coat drive will be held in the next couple of

weeks, once it's colder. In past, we've done it earlier in the year, but coats get lost or

left behind while weather is warmer. Then they don't have one once it gets colder.

**6. Walking Bridge Updates**

Nothing new, no updates. Young kids have been crossing at crosswalk before the

crossing guard is here, using the flags. It's still dangerous. We may need to have a

"continuing education" meeting with the parents. Kids should not get here too early.

It's not safe and it's against the rules. Crossing guard must arrive 20 minutes before

the bell and stay 20 minutes after the bell rings. Some have noticed that the crossing

guard on 1300 W. leaves shortly after the bell.

**Andrea:** Thank you all for attending!

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:44 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Dates: 1/10/24, 3/13/24, 4/24/24, Wednesdays @ 5 p.m. in the media center**