

Herriman Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2024

Herriman Elementary, 3:00pm

Present: Laurie Goodsell
Laura St. Louis
Brian Cauley
Heidi Minson

Bonnie Nelson
Jennifer McDaniel
John Sassman

Next meeting: November 21, 2024, at 3:00pm at Herriman Elementary

1. **Welcome from Principal Laurie Goodsell to the newly elected members of the SCC.**
2. **Review Jordan School District Policy on School Community Councils**

Laurie Goodsell walked us through the Jordan School District policies on how to run a school community council

- There needs to be two co-chairs OR a chair and a vice chair.
- The principal will be the facilitator of the meetings.
- The meetings will be open to the public.
- Meeting agendas will be prepared 1 week in advance and posted on the school's website.
- Each community council will adopt its own rules of order and procedures. We discussed what we have been doing previously, and agreed to continue following this process:
 - Our SCC will distribute the agenda beforehand. Agendas will generally include district matters, then school matters, then individual items as they come up
 - After the discussion, any member of the council can propose a motion. Another council member will second the motion, then the item will be brought to a vote by the full council.
 - The minutes of the meeting will be distributed after the meeting, and the SCC members can approve them via email.
- Meeting minutes should include:
 - The date, time, location, names of members present and absent
 - Substance of all matters proposed/discussed and the decisions made
 - A record of votes
 - Name of each person who is not a member of the school community council and who is recognized by the chair to speak in the meeting
 - Minutes are marked as a draft as approved
- Issues not listed on the agenda may arise in the meeting and may be discussed, but no action may be taken until the next meeting

3. Filling the positions on the SCC

Laura nominated Brian for Chair; Heidi seconded. Brian nominated Laura for Vice Chair; Jennifer seconded. Laura nominated Jennifer for secretary; Brian seconded. Brian called for a vote, and all positions passed unanimously.

4. Land Trust Video

We watched a video about the origins and purpose of the land trust. Laurie Goodsell mentioned that our school gets over \$100,000 in trust funds per year.

This year, 100% of our land trust money has been spent on people who are working directly with kids. This is a huge benefit in our classrooms.

5. Review the Land Trust Plan from 2023–2024 and outcomes.

Laurie Goodsell walked us through the data from our goals and outcomes from the past school year.

Goal 1: By the end of 2023–24, 62% of students will achieve growth in phonemic awareness.

- This goal was measured by Acadience score data for K-2. In those grades, 67.1% of students met proficiency and 46.4% were above.
- For 3-6, this goal was measured by RISE testing. By grade:
 - 3rd grade: 58.5% achieved proficiency
 - 4th grade: 72.2% achieved proficiency
 - 5th grade: 61.0% achieved proficiency
 - 6th grade: 57.2% achieved proficiency

Goal 2: By the end of 2023–24 school year, 47% of students will achieve proficiency in math

- This goal was measured by RISE testing for grades 3–6. By grade:
 - 3rd grade: 70.8% achieved proficiency
 - 4th grade: 85.6% achieved proficiency
 - 5th grade: 66.4% achieved proficiency
 - 6th grade: 42.9% achieved proficiency

(for 6th grade, it was noted that the test is quite tricky, they had three teachers who were new to teaching that grade, and that the curriculum was still relatively new)

We were really solid in meeting our goals for the past year. In addition, we discussed how the district is transitioning to a focus on both proficiency and growth, which accounts for students who may be below grade level but making big improvements that might not be shown on the tests.

All of the growth measurements show all students show improvement.

In addition, JSD employs a data scientist, and they can get us any data the SCC may need.

6. Pick up and drop off conversation, continued

Brian brought up the questions we had around drop-off and pick-up that we had last year, including reversing the entrance and exit and out and swapping the lots. Ultimately, we recognized that when

people follow the procedure we already have we can have the pick-up line cleared in about 10 minutes.

Bonnie brought up the light on 13400 South. We've already talked to the city, and they cannot change the light timing because it affects other lights in the area. But we wondered if there was a chance the city would be able to install a light with a left turn arrow at the intersection. Ideally, this arrow would be on-demand so it wouldn't affect the other lights in the area in the same way, but it would alleviate the congestion we have on that turn lane where it gets backed up to the point that you can't turn right out of the school.

It was brought up that Golden Fields has large signs that say *Pull Forward* that have helped. We also talked about highlighting a student pick-up zone so that people don't pick up before the crosswalk and further delay traffic.

Other possible solutions discussed included:

- Parent volunteers to encourage people to pull all the way forward.
- The current teachers and aides are tired of getting yelled at by parents who don't obey the rules to pull all the way forward and to stay in their vehicle while their children exit.
- We don't have safety patrol anymore because student leaders were getting targeted by other students for trying to enforce the rules. But what if we assigned Safety Patrol students to just be the individuals to motion the cars to continue coming forward. (Perhaps parents would be less likely to yell at the students? And the students wouldn't do anything more than say "Please pull forward" and motion.)
- Do a "Pull Forward" campaign with a notification in the Parent Square app, mentioning it in the October newsletter, and look into the cost of getting a few large sandwich board signs.
- Have teachers remind the kids of the procedures in the drop-off and pick-up lot.
- Show the data from before we implemented the pull forward procedures that shows how much faster things go when everyone follows the rules.

7. Next Meeting Date Agreed; Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held November 21, 2024.